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# Bishop Camacho faces another sex abuse suit

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emeritus a \$5-million lawsuit in federal court in Guam against Camacho Bishop Emeritus for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Chalan Kanoa in the NMI Tomas A. Camacho for allegedly sexually abusing him when he was 10 years old at Mongmong Parish in Guam.

65-year-old former

altar boy has filed



The plaintiff who identified himself as B.C. to protect his privacy, is also suing the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Agana and 50 other unnamed entities and persons.

B.C., through counsel David J. Lujan, is suing Camacho for child sexual

abuse, and all defendants for negligence and for breach of fiduciary

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### Imperial Pacific to pay CBF in 2 installments

By JON PEREZ

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Imperial Pacific International LLC would pay the Community Benefit Fund in two installments after the Commonwealth Lottery Commission granted their request of amending Section 16 (b) of the Casino License Agreement.

The commission met on Tuesday to discuss if they would grant an extension on some of the extension request made by Imperial Pacific at the conference room of the Governor's Office at the Hon. Juan Atalig Sablan Memorial Building on Capital Hill.

CBF is part of the Licensee De-

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### Govendo dismisses charges against Ogumoro's co-defendant Manglona



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Herman M. Manglona walks free outside the courtroom after Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo yesterday dismissed the corruption charges against him following the prosecution's request.

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed yes-

terday the charges against Herman

M. Manglona, the co-defendant of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro in the corruption case.

Govendo made such decision after

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>> Ex-altar boy

files \$5M

against

bishop

#### **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The Marianas High School Dolphin Battalion, acting governor Victor B. Hocog, Man'amko King Carmelito Asuncion, and Man'amko Queen Solidad Cabrera pose for a photo at the proclamation signing designating the month of May as Older Americans Month held yesterday at the Office on Aging. See story on Page 4



### LOCAL

James De La Cruz, a counselor at Marianas High School, was the overall winner of the 2017 Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge





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Arkansas' aggressive effort to execute condemned inmates is set to conclude Thursday.

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### LIFE & STYLE

Bill Cosby and his delegates are speaking out in select media interviews Wednesday.

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### Local

### 'Trump EO on Antiquities Act good for CNMI and territories'

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) lauded U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order that calls for the review of monument designations under the Antiquities Act, and called it a move in the right direction for the territories and its respective local communities. The review will include marine national monuments and fishing restrictions in the Pacific.

"I agree that there is a need to review monument designa-

tions, especially in the CNMI and the rest of the territories," said Demapan, vice chairman of the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs. "These designations oftentimes appear to be a 'cover' to take control of local lands and ARMAT

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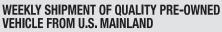
marine resources, regardless of whether there is resistance from the local community."

"Most, if not all, national marine monument designations were pushed by special interest organizations, not by the people of the land. And so in Pacific Island cultures, where the land and sea are our source of sustainability, these monument designations essentially strip our people from accessing and fishing in areas that have long been utilized," added Demapan.

"I'm very much pleased to see that President Trump listened to our concerns, especially after Governor Torres sent a joint letter with the governors of Guam and American Samoa, which pointed to fishing restrictions in waters surrounding the territories. These restrictions created additional barriers and challenges for local subsistence fishermen in the CNMI, Guam, and Ameri-

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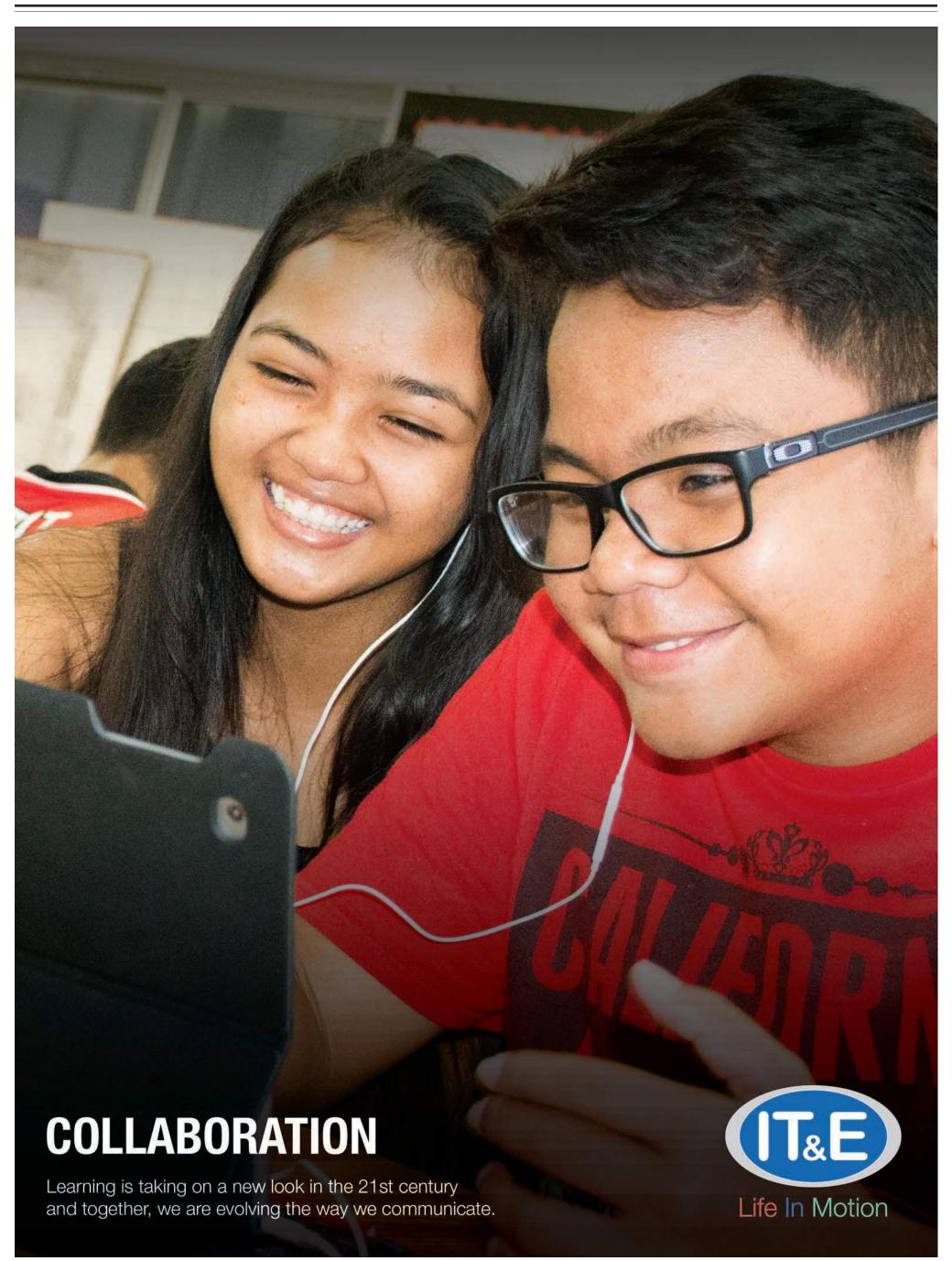








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### May proclaimed Older Americans Month

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kbautista1222@gmail.com

A proclamation was signed yesterday morning at the Office on Aging to dedi-

cate the month of May to all man'amko, or elderly, of the CNMI

The proclamation designated May as Older Americans Month and was established to celebrate the elderly that are still alive in our community today. The document was signed by acting governor Victor B. Hocog.

One of the longest cultural

beliefs of the island is that the elderly are to be treasured and respected.

The Commonwealth is determined to keeping this belief alive and has dedicated the whole month of May to the *man'amko*.

The man'amko will be tak-

ing advantage of May by filling it with different events that will lead to the coronation of the new King and Queen of the Office on Aging.

The community is also encouraged to take part in the appreciation of the elderly that are still in the community.

in the lawsuit, were aware of

the sexual abuse committed by

Lujan said these individu-

als deliberately remained quiet

Camacho.

The proclamation encouraged adults to re-evaluate the meaning of aging this month and allow the elderly to share their experiences.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

### **BISHOP**

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duty and/or confidential relationship.

He is suing the Agana Archdiocese and 50 unnamed co-defendants for child sexual abuse, negligent supervision, and negligent hiring and retention.

B.C. asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Guam to hold the defendants liable to pay him at least \$5 million in damages plus court costs and attorneys' fees. He demanded a jury trial.

According to Lujan in the complaint, when B.C. was a minor boy, Camacho, an ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of

Agana, sexually molested and abused him.

Lujan said during his assignment at the Nuestra Senora de las Augus Cathlic Church in Mongmong, Guam, Camacho resided at the Nuestra Senora de las Augus Rectory in Mongmong.

Lujan said that in 1962, Camacho was the priest at the Nuestra Senora de las Augus Catholic Church in Mongmong and that during this time, he went around the village recruiting young boys to become altar boys.

The lawyer said Camacho went to B.C.'s house and asked his mother if he and his brothers could help him serve

Lujan said B.C's. older brothers did not want to do it,

so the mother made B.C. do it.

In 1962 at 10 years old B.C. became an altar boy at the Mongmong Parish and served Mass once or twice a month, mainly during Benediction on Tuesdays.

B.C. was also required to help clean up around the church and rectory after Mass.

Lujan said during the period in which B.C. was an altar boy at the Mongmong Parish, he was sexually molested and abused by Camacho on numerous occasions.

Lujan said the sexual abuse included groping and fondling B.C.'s private parts.

Lujan said one particular occasion, while B.C. was in the rectory eating bread after cleaning around the church, he found porn magazines and

started to look at them.

A few minutes later, Camacho allegedly walked in and caught him looking at the porn magazines and threatened to tell his mother.

Lujan said B.C. was scared and begged Camacho not do it. Lujan said Camacho then began to fondle the boy's private parts.

B.C. never told anyone out of fear that Camacho would tell his parents about the magazines

The lawyer said other priests and representatives of the Agana Archdiocese, including Bishop Apollinaris Baumgatner, Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, Monsignor Zoilo Camacho, Father Antonio C. Cruz, Louis Brouillard, and other individuals named as Doe defendants

and withheld such information from third parties including victim's parents or guardians and law enforcement authorities, in order to protect Camacho and the Agana Archdiocese, thereby placing

their loyalty above their duty

to protect the minor children

and their legal responsibilities.

Lujan said as a direct and proximate result of the defendants' conducts, B.C. "has suffered, and continues to suffer, great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrass-

ment, loss of self-esteem, dis-

grace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life."

The lawyer said B.C. has incurred and/or will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy and counseling.

Last February, Melvin Duenas, a Guam resident, also filed a lawsuit in the District of Guam against Camacho for allegedly sexually abusing him several decades ago when he was 10 years old while serving as the chief altar boy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inarajan, Guam. Several others were included as co-defendants in the lawsuit.

Last year, Guam's Catholic community was rocked by several allegations of similar sexual abuse by then archbishop Apuron.

### **EO**

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can Samoa," said Demapan.

Aside from removing fishing restrictions and giving

back local fishermen access to such areas, Demapan also noted the failed promises from the previous White House administrations and monument advocates.

"They basically made

promises to our people that having a designated marine national monument in the Marianas would generate additional revenues and would be co-managed both federally and locally," said Demapan. "However, here we are, years later, and we have realized zero revenue from the designation of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument."

"I'm glad to see that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has stated his commitment to work with local governments in reviewing these designations to ensure that local communities are given the opportunity to be a part of the process and remain in control of what was rightfully ours to begin with. This is a much better approach than when the monument designations were implemented unilaterally in previous White House administrations," added Demapan. (PR)

### **IMPERIAL**

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velopment Proposal Requirements, contributions by the investor that would be used to benefit the community.

Section 16 (b) of the license agreement states that "within 60 days of commencing construction work on the first hotel in the Integrated Resort, the licensee shall contribute \$20 million toward its community benefits programs."

"Thereafter, upon the first full year of operation of the licensee's first hotel in the integrated resort, licensee shall annually contribute \$20 million to be used for community benefit programs," continued

on Section 16 (b).

The money collected from CBF will be used for education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, employee retirement benefits, as may be determined in consultation with the governor.

The commission allowed IPI to pay CBF the first \$10 million no later than Jan. 1, 2018 and the remaining \$10 million no later than June 1, 2018.

"They want us to put more to the community and I think we responded to that," said IPI senior vice president for special projects Viola Alepuyo.

### Commission has no authority?

Several members of the community, through social media, have questioned the commission's authority in deciding to grant IPI's requests.

Section 2 of the Casino License Agreement states that "upon issuance of the casino license the authority of the Lottery Commission over this license shall cease and the Office of the Governor shall have authority for enforcement of the terms and conditions of this License Agreement except for the elements specifically identified for control by the Casino Commission…"

Saipan Tribune tried to get

the CNMI Office of the Attorney General's opinion on the issue but they have yet to respond at press time.

#### Other concerns

The administration said they remain cognizant on IPI's contractor problems. "We're not turning a blind eye. That's why Gov. Ralph DLG Torres came out on record in requesting the Department of Homeland Security in helping implement the vetting process."

"Overall, the governor is lobbying on House Resolution 339 of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and the CW1 program. This is one of the facets the administration and Legis-

lature is looking into to make sure we do this the right way."

Workers of some of the contractors have protested for the non-payment of their wages and overtime the past four months.

Alepuyo said IPI does not condone the practice of their contractors but assured they would address the issue. "That is the part of the reason for requesting the extension. Not only on what's stated on record like the lack of cement and Typhoon Soudelor."

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog said the extension granted to IPI by the commission is for the best interest of the CNMI since. The extension gives IPI ample time to

finish the project that they have started.

"I think it is for the best interest of the Commonwealth that we provide the ample time for them to finish what they have started. Rather than leaving it the way it is, we can't let that happen. We're trying to provide them us a little bit of flexibility to ensure that they complete their undertaking," said Hocog.

"Otherwise they are going to leave all of this investment as an eyesore. Like what happened to La Fiesta, and what benefit that gives us? Let us give the investor the chance to complete the investment but they need to address the problem."

### **GOVENDO**

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assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, opted to move to dismiss charges against Manglona instead of responding to assistant public defender Tillman Clark's motion for Manglona's acquittal.

After the government rested its case yesterday afternoon, defense counsel Mark B. Hanson moved for acquittal of his client, Ogumoro. Clark also moved for acquittal of his client, Manglona.

Baisley responded to Hanson's motion for acquittal, but did not respond to Clark's motion and instead moved to dismiss charges against Manglona.

Govendo, who presided over the jury trial, granted the government's motion and told Manglona he was free to go.

Govendo will decide this morning, Friday, Ogumoro's motion for acquittal.

Asked why the government moved to dismiss the charges against Manglona after resting its case, Baisley said they believe the evidence that came in pointed to a situation in which Ogumoro was the one with knowledge about the repairs to the car, was the one who directed repairs to the vehicle, was the one who facilitated the request for survey, and was the one who made all the misrepresentations

as to its value, \$50. "The evidence that came in

simply did not sufficiently tie Manglona to the criminal acts in my view, and therefore I felt it was appropriate to dismiss the charges against him," Baisley said.

The second amended information charged Ogumoro with eight counts relating to theft by deception, misconduct in public office, conspiracy to commit theft by deception, removal of government property, and theft by unlawful taking.

The second amended information also charged Manglona with conspiracy to commit theft by deception and receiving stolen property.

Manuel Vitug, manager of ELS Auto Repair Shop, testified yesterday after they fixed the DPS blue 1995 Toyota Tercel in September 2012 for \$2,500 it never broke again and that no one ever called him that the vehicle broke again.

Vitug also denied the defense's statement that the shop repainted the car.

Vitug said he can't recall who picked up the car after it was repaired.

He said it was then-DPS deputy commissioner Ogumoro who showed up at their shop in September 2012 and asked him to immediately repair the car.

Vitug said after the repair, it was him, serving as quality control, who road tested the car by driving from Susupe to As Terlaje and Kagman.

He said the car climbed

"very good" after the repair and passed the test. "We make sure that we de-

liver in good faith," Vitug said, referring to their service.

Vitug said the Tercel was

one of the police vehicles that had been taken on and off the shop in 2012.

He said it was police officer Martin Kapileo who told him to pick up the car along Beach Road near Joe's Bar due to mechanical problems.

Vitug said the car had no reverse and had transmission and overheating problems.

Before Vitug testified, Procurement & Supply director Herman Sablan took the witness stand for the government.

Sablan said Ogumoro told him the car was scrap and that

he relied on that statement.

Sablan said he never knew that the car was already repaired.

Sablan said Ogumoro's memorandum specifically requested that the appraisal value of the car be approximately \$50.

The director also testified that he never asked Procurement & Supply specialist Anthony S. Manahane to inspect that Tercel, which was brought to their office in Lower Base by Ogumoro and Manglona.

Sablan said it's not abnormal to sell a scrap car for \$50.

In response to Clark's question, Sablan said although sometimes he commits mistakes, he is not corrupt and that in fact some people tried to bribe him but he rejected them.

## McDonald's Saipan adds up to 10 new sandwiches

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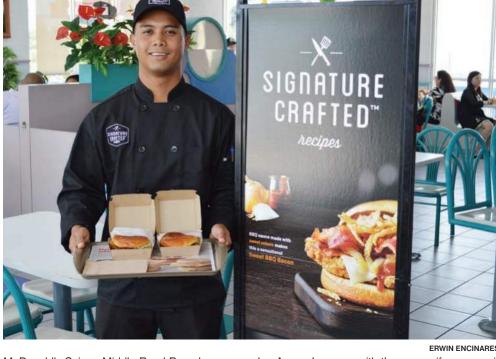
When combined, the words "fast" and "food" are more often associated to the largest restaurant chain in the world—McDonald's. McDonald's Saipan, however, is stepping up its game with new additions that are highly customizable for maximum customer satisfaction.

With McDonald's Saipan's all new Signature Crafted

cheddar, and lettuce.

recipes, one may fully customize a sandwich based on a set of choices with one of two special sauces, a choice of fried or grilled chicken or a quarter pound pure-beef patty, either artisan or sesame seed buns, and the choice to make the order a meal complete with medium fries and a medium drink.

The customer chooses between one of two special sauces. All in all, there are about 10 special sauces; two of which



McDonald's Saipan Middle Road Branch manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. poses with the new uniform associated with the new menu items McDonald's Saipan is offering.

McDonald's Middle Road branch general manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. may include a sriracha-based sauce and the highly

"It has a lot of customization," said Ayuyu.

favored mushroom swiss.

Ayuyu mentioned that the two sauces would be rotated every few months. The first two sauces to be featured in the McDonald's core menu is the applewood-smoked bacon

in sweet barbecue sauce with grilled and crispy onions and white cheddar.

The other sauce is bacon covered with maple seasoning, Dijon mustard, grilled onions, white cheddar, and lettuce.

Both sauces gave a good and satisfying mixture of sweet and savory, along with a pleasing combination of textures, more magnified by the pure-beef patty variant. A soft and juicy beef patty harmoniously working the taste buds with the sweet and crispy bacon and special sweet barbecue sauce.

After picking the sauces, customers get to choose the protein of the sandwich. The protein, or the meat, comes in three variants, namely the quarter pound beef, buttermilk crispy chicken, or the artisan

grilled chicken. Following the protein selection, customers are asked to choose between an artisan bun and a sesame seed bun before being presented the option to make the order a meal with medium fries and a medium drink.

According to Ayuyu, Mc-Donald's sees a trend in people that are more into choices, a decision that seemed to have benefit the restaurant, as since it's first day of adding the Signature Craft recipes to the menu, there has been a good reception of the product.

Ayuyu did mention though that there were at least two limiting factors to the whole concept: the expiration dates of foreign produce if not sold and the lengthy service time due to the thinking process associated with the selection of ingredients.

To combat these issues, McDonald's would be rotating sauces as well as providing customers interested in ordering a custom sandwich a small sheet with checkboxes indicating which ingredients a customers would like to order.

The Signature Crafted sandwiches have been available since last week and are offered at both the Middle Road and Beach Road branches of McDonald's.



McDonald's Saipan Middle Road manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. prepares to take a bite out of his creation, a sandwich that had an artisan bun with maple seasoned bacon, dijon mustard, grilled onions, white





# Larson: Taxpayer's suit better way to resolve legislative salary hike issue

A taxpayer action would be a better way to resolve the issue of legislative salary increases and not Attorney General Edward Manibusan himself filing the lawsuit, according to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson.

Larson, through counsels Matthew T. Gregory and Kimberlyn Kay King-Hinds, said in addition a certified question would be a more amicable way to resolving the matter.

In Larson's reply to Manibusan's opposition to her motion to dismiss the AG's lawsuit, Gregory and King-Hinds said taxpayers are more than capable of bringing taxpayer actions to rectify any issue involving the pay raises.

"We have a situation where the CNMI is essentially suing itself," the lawyers pointed out.

Gregory and King-Hinds asserted that the AG does not have standing to bring this lawsuit against Larson.

The lawyers said the question of whether Manibusan may sue the CNMI has not been decided by a CNMI court, making this is a question of first impression in the Commonwealth.

Gregory and King-Hinds said Manibusan has cited Superior Court decisions regarding the power of the AG, however, none of these decisions is binding on this court.

In this case, Gregory and King-Hinds noted, the CNMI AG is suing the CNMI executive branch through Larson.

They said in the absence of an explicit statement, the Superior Court will have to make a decision as a case of first impression on this issue.

The lawyers said there is no actual case or controversy between Manibusan and Larson.

Gregory and King-Hinds said while it is true that an injunction against or court order barring Larson from making salary payments would grant effective relief in preventing payment of such salaries, Manibusan has not adequately addressed the fundamental issue raised by Larson, that she has no real stake in the litigation and thus there is no real controversy.

Larson, meanwhile, withdrew a portion of her motion to dismiss involving the statute of limitations argument. She, however, reserved the right to raise this issue after further discovery.

Larson moved to dismiss Manibusan's lawsuit. Through counsel, she argues, among other things, that the "all other actions" statute of limitations of six years bars the government's challenge to the legislative salary increases found in Public Laws 7-31 and 4-32 because they went into effect more than six years ago.

In opposition to Larson's motion to dismiss, Manibusan, through counsel assistant attorney general Michael Witry, argued that Larson is the proper defendant in his lawsuit because she is the one who must be restrained from paying illegal salaries, and that the statute of limitations does not prevent this case because the public sustains a new injury each time an illegal paycheck is issued.

Witry asserted that the statute of limitations has not run in his lawsuit that challenges the legislative salary increases because the violation continues every time an elected official receives a paycheck.

Manibusan's lawsuit against Larson alleges that Public Law 19-83, which provided the salary increases, is unconstitutional because the Advisory Commission that recommended such increase was not validly constitute, and that such increase recommended by the commission for the Legislature exceeded the change in an "accepted price index" since the last time the salary was adjusted.

Manibusan asked the court to issue a preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent Larson from implementing the law. *(Ferdie de la Torre)* 



### Demapan bats for separate pool in CW process

**By JON PEREZ** jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) again pushed for the CNMI to be part of the review and vetting process done by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in approving permits under the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Nonimmigrant visa program or CW1 for foreign laborers.

Demapan said having the CNMI part of the review is one of the issues that they've discussed during the 902 Talks last year. He added one option

is to talk to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on this matter since USCIS is one of its attached agencies.

"That was one of the issues that we talked about in the 902 Talks. To have a separate process and separate pool for employees who are under the renewal process. I guess, in order for us to do this is to explore on how to pool the renewals versus the new employees," said Demapan.

"How to split the pools according to the labor needs of the Commonwealth. Because it is unfair, inequitable,

and unstable for employees ple, our local labor involved in the renewal process to be kicked out of the system because a new CW1 application permit came in and got approved first."

He added that so far, the CNMI's biggest challenge is having no voice in the decisionmaking process in approving and issuing CW permits. "If the federal government is willing to allow the CNMI to have a hand in the process, then we'll be in a better position in what permits do we actually need on the ground."

"Without having, for exam-

in the process we're not really validating the CNMI's labor needs that's listed in all petitions. I really believe that the first and foremost immediate solution is for the federal government to allow a partnership or collaboration with the CNMI government in terms of vetting the CW petitions."

Demapan said what the CNMI asked for in the 902 Talks is not to be the one to approve the CW permits. "But for at least before it reaches the approval stage at USCIS, there may be some kind of review and certification from the local government's side."

"So when it comes to USCIS for review, they can be in a better and more informed decision whether this is the position needed in the CNMI," added the former House Federal and Foreign Affairs chair. Demapan was also a member of the CNMI panel in the 902 Talks and is now the vice chair of the House FAA committee.

Demapan said USCIS could then make adjustments in approving petitions if ever the CNMI could be granted to

become part of the CW1 review process. "Whether [the position] is needed today or a few months down the line. Recommendations first before they make a decision."

He added the current labor crisis experienced under the CW1 program was unforeseen when it was created in 2009. "What happened now is developments have taken place. We did not envision that CW slots would have a problem and the decrease would hinder our development."

"There's still a way around it, if we can manage to be a partner in the management in the review and vetting process of CW permits renewals."



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#### **D.C.**— WASHINGTON,

House Veterans' Affairs Committee member Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) is opposed to a proposal by Republicans in Congress to deduct money from military paychecks to pay for costs of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. Republicans want a \$100 per month reduction in pay for active duty and \$67 per month for National Guard and Reserve members.

"The men and women who serve in our military already face financial challenges getting by on what we pay them," Sablan said. "We even have service members who have to depend on food stamps to feed their families.

"In return for their relatively low pay, however, our military

### Kilili opposes taxing troops for GI Bill benefits personnel do earn future bene-

fits, such as the free college education provided by the G.I. Bill.

"So, adding a new tax to military paychecks to make these heroes pay for the benefits they are supposed to receive is simply not right."

"\$100 a month might not seem like a lot to a member of Congress," said Veterans Committee Ranking Member Tim Walz (D-Minnesota). "It certainly does when you're a Private taking home less than \$1,500."

Republicans had planned to hold a hearing on their proposal last week. But facing objections from the Democratic side of the aisle and from veterans groups the decision was made to postpone action.

Over 1 million servicemen and women have used the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to pay for

college over the last ten years. And the benefit is an important recruitment tool that helps continue the all-volunteer U.S. military forces.

Sablan is a new member

of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He received a special waiver from leadership earlier this year, allowing him to sit on three committees in the U.S. House of Representatives. (PR)

### Kilili briefed on Korea threat

WASHINGTON. D.C.— Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson gave Congressman Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) and other members of

the U.S. House of Representatives a classified briefing on North Korea yesterday at the Capitol. Chairman of the Joint

seph Dunford Jr., and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats also added their expertise to the discussion. Tensions between North Korea and the United States have been growing, as North Korea continues development of advanced, long-range missiles and nuclear weapons and the U.S.

Korean Peninsula in response.

"The Marianas are the part of America closest to North Korea," Congressman Sablan said. "And we are within the current range of that country's missiles. So, I have to be concerned and stay wellinformed about the risk to the people I represent.

"Because of the top-secret nature of the information that Secretary Mattis, Secretary Tillerson, Director Coats, and General Dunford provided I cannot go into specifics. But I would certainly let the people of the Marianas know immediately, if they were in any immediate danger.

"At present that is not the case." the Congressman added. "But we are all concerned about the increasing belligerence in our region. And, given the history of our islands, we are all too well aware of the horror of war." (PR)

### Balance of power topic at this year's AG's Cup

The 33rd Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition will be held on May 5 at the Guma Hustisia at 9am. This year, eight high schools will be participating, including Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas Baptist Academy, Dr. Rita H. Inos High School, Mt. Carmel School, and Saipan International School.

Students are busy preparing their speeches for this year's topic, which is focused on federalism and the rights of the Commonwealth under the Covenant. The subject matter will be explored in the context of management of natural resources for the benefit of the public, and will focus on whether local control or federal management is the better approach.

This is a very interesting and appropriate issue for our students to learn more on the interplay between the federal authority and the Commonwealth's self-governance under the Covenant," said Attorney General Edward Manibusan. "I am really looking forward to hearing what the students learned on this topic."

The OAG welcomes the public to attend and witness the remarkable showcase of the talented students of the CNML

For more information on the speech competition, contact Keola Fitial at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division at 237-7600. *(PR)* 



# 29/11 to represent the CNMI

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The dance group 29/11 will be conducting its second concert this Friday, April 28, to fundraise for the team's trip to Korea to represent the CNMI

29/11 is a dance group that was established last year by Ray Lizama. The dance group consists of high school and junior high school students who want to showcase their talents and represent their faith in God and their island.

The group hopes to later inspire other young people to showcase their God-given talents

The group of dancers, according to their adviser Boni Sagana, mainly wants to express themselves through their dancing and to help others in any was possible.

Sagana shares that this group is a trustworthy bunch of teenagers that share a passion for dance and good company.

Sagana proudly shared in an interview that the parents of these teenagers trust this group and its cause. The parents believe that this group is nothing but a good influence for these teenagers. "Bad things such as drugs are on the rise but I believe this group puts these children in the right path," said Sagana.

The group plans to leave for Korea this summer but have no funds to do so. The group's plan is to showcase their talents and the passion in what they do at a hip-hop convention that will be held in Korea.

Besides the fact that the group plans to showcase their talents, the group will also be representing the Commonwealth at the hiphop convention.

According to Sagana, the concert's main purpose is to fundraise for the trip but another reason is for the members of the group.

It is also so that the group members may have more exposure to the public eye and can grow in their experience in performing before a crowd, said Sagana.

The concert will be held this Friday, April 28. Doors will open at 7pm and will end at 9pm.

The concert will be held at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

For questions regarding the concert and to purchase concert tickets, feel free to call Sagana at 888-2451.

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### HS counselor wins Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge

James De La Cruz, a counselor at Marianas High School, was the overall winner of the 2017 Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge, which held its awards banquet last April 22 at Everest Kitchen.

De La Cruz as one of the 33 challengers who finished the 12-week challenge and as a group, the participants lost nearly 400 lbs and 81 inches off their waistlines.

According to De La Cruz " My inspiration was the thought that I wanted to be

a better person, accept challenges, improve and losing weight was one of the rewards of that goal. Winning the challenge showed the commitment, discipline, passion, effort, hard work, and motivation I have throughout my journey."

The other winners in the men's 18-35 age bracket were Ronnel Mostales, Zackery Concepcion, and Leopoldo Duenas. Winners in the men's 36 and above age bracket were Antonio Rodri-

guez, Steven Sahagon, and Patrick Castillon. Women's 18-36 age bracket winners were Michelle Concepcion, Jacqueline Che, and Diane Abigania Mallari. Women's 36 and above winners were Patty Aguon-Cruz, Laurina Boyer, and Ramona Corpuz. All received Gold's Gym certificates to insure their fitness journey to continue.

Aside from the physical transformations, the challenge also taught the participants discipline, courage,

and commitment to achieve their goals. Each challenger was asked to submit essays and share their incredible weight loss journey. Tony Yarobwemal was awarded a one-night stay at the Hyatt Regency Saipan for his inspirational piece. Yarobwemal's turning point to get fit was when he almost joined the "Club 300" last year and he recently completed the Saipan Half Marathon and he now weighs below 200 lbs.

Gold's Gym's partners

in this transformation challenge are Michlelob Ultra from MarPac, PHI Pharmacy, Saipan Apparel, and Brabu Pharmacy & Wellness Center and raffle prizes were donated by T-Galleria, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Pacific Islands Club.

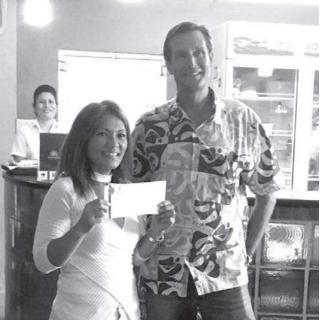
"The only person who can control how you feel every day and how to take on your life is yourself. My goal right now is to help people know they can change and improve their lives when they want,"

De La Cruz stated and such is a statement of a true winner not only in the challenge but also in life.

Tyce Mister, general manager of Gold's Gym, vows to support the participants in living healthy and encourages them to integrate the good habits into their family's lifestyle. "With the success of the recent Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge, we can expect more exciting challenges to come before the year ends," he said. (Bea Cabrera)



сонтявитер рното Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge men's 34+ winner Antonio



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Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge women's 34+ winner Patty Aguon poses with Gold's Gym general manager Tyce Mister.



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Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge winner Ronnel Mostales poses with Gold's Gym general manager Tyce Mister.



Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge winners pose for a group photo after the award banquet at Everest Kitchen.

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### Nat'l Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday

Acting United States Attorney Shawn N. Anderson, for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, wants to encourage the public to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

On Oct. 22, 2016, the public turned in 731,269 lbs—almost 366 tons—of medication to DEA and more than 4,000 of

its community partners at almost 5,200 collection sites nationwide. Over the life of the program, 7.1 million lbs (more than 3,500 tons) of prescription drugs have been removed from medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, and nightstands by citizens around the country.

Unused medicines in the home are a problem because the majority of the 6.4 million Americans who abused CPDs in 2015, including the

almost 4 million who abused prescription painkillers, say they obtained those drugs from friends and family, including from a home medicine cabinet, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health released last month. Some painkiller abusers move on to heroin: Four out of five new heroin users started with painkillers. Almost 30,000 people—78 a day—died from overdosing

on these painkillers or heroin in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and

overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Collection sites will be set up throughout communities nationwide. The following

overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs sites in Guam and in the NMI are designated to receive unused prescription drugs:

- Naval Base Guam (Navy Exchange Food Court)
- Agana Shopping Center (Across Vitamin World)
- Andersen Air Force Base Exchange (Front Entrance)
- Saipan Commonwealth Health Center (in front of the pharmacy)

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to: www.dea.gov, www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com, or www.just-thinktwice.com. *(PR)* 

### More funding support for judiciary, law enforcement

**By JON PEREZ** jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) is looking to increase funding for the Judiciary and local law enforcement once they begin the deliberation process for the CNMI government's budget for fiscal year 2018.

Demapan, who is the House Ways and Means committee chair, said he agrees with Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) in addressing the Judiciary's funding needs. Hofschneider is the Senate Fiscal Affairs committee head.

"We agree on most of the priorities of this year's budget and that is to really ensure the critical areas. We also both agree on the Judiciary's funding needs, since for so many years the judiciary was quite underfunded," said Demapan.

"I'm happy that I'm working with Sen. [Hofschneider] to look at the critical areas throughout the government, [especially] the Judiciary that needs to be addressed. We're hoping we could increase the Judiciary's fund due to the increase in our revenues."

He added that some of the Judiciary's operational needs

have also been overlooked the past several years.

Law enforcement is another agency that he wanted to focus on as the CNMI government, as much as possible, supports their programs and proper funding.

"[We] anticipate the increase in development and the increase in visitors. Of course we would also expect the need for more law enforcers. It would increase the need for more personnel and an increase in their operational needs," said Demapan.

"Law enforcement is one of the critical areas that we would like to also take a look at and focus on. So we could ensure that we just don't talk about increasing support for our local law enforcement but make sure that we make it happen."

Hofschneider, in an earlier interview with the Saipan Tribune, said he also wanted to focus on the needs of the Judiciary—the CNMI Superior Court, Supreme Court, Drug Court, Law Revision Commission, and the Judiciary Administrative Office.

The operation expenses of the Drug Court is expected to increase since they would require hiring additional personnel. The Drug Court was created through Public Law 19-14 that was signed by then

acting governor Ralph DLG Torres on Oct. 28, 2015.

The health and life insur-

ance of government employees, the settlement and judgments, and the government's critical areas that both committees need to address. They are also united in saving

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that the legislators' salary hike is the least of their priorities.

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The Educational Scholarship Fund offers a one-time monetary award in the following categories: Four (4) high school scholarships, One (1) college scholarship, and one (1) Pellegrino Vocational scholarship.

As one former scholarship recipient states, "My first year at Barnard College/Columbia University has been euphoric as well as challenging, but I wouldn't want my experience to be any other way. I wouldn't have experienced this life-changing year if it weren't for the Chamber of Commerce scholarship program. In comparison to the expenses of New York City, perhaps what I have received was not much. However, the grant was key in helping me fill up my Swiss-cheese-like financial aid package. Financial instability is arguably the most stressful thing any college student can endure, but I didn't have to worry too much because the money I received from the Chamber of Commerce scholarship program alleviated the trouble.'

Hard copies of the Chamber scholarship applications are available at the Chamber office and will also be delivered to schools. Chamber scholarship applications are also available for download on its website: www.saipanchamber.com. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application and submit them on or before the deadline of 5pm, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at our office in the Marianas Business Plaza 3rd floor, Suite #315. Scholarships will be awarded at the monthly General Membership Meeting on June 7, 2017. For more information please call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email coordinator2@ saipanchamber.com.

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Multiple rows of King Arthur bell peppers are lined up at the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services agriculture center, a 5-acre stretch of land NMC-CREES is utilizing to research on varieties of plants that would thrive on Saipan soil.

### **NMC-CREES** hosts successful Field Day

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research. Extension, and Education Services conducted a very successful Field Day last Tuesday with the event attracting 48 participants at their 5-acre center for agriculture in As Perdido.

"Part of our research here is to see and test out varieties of different crop species and how they react to our environment," said NMC agricultural extension agent Solly Takai-Nakamura.

According to Takai-Nakamura, part of the point of the Field Day is to relay to the community that there is a viable source of income in farming. The 48 participants included full-time farmers, hobbyists, and farmers that seek to earn secondary income through farming.

For these few months, the NMC agriculture center would be focusing on planting five varieties of tomatoes, four varieties of cucumbers, and multiple variants of squash, okra, pepper, lettuce, melon, radish, eggplant, and corn.

The center will also focus on looking at the proper rotation of crops. Takai-Nakamura said five patches of land were used for the growing of corn because the

vegetable consumes a lot of nitrogen. Takai-Nakamurar pointed out that to correct the lack of nitrogen in a patch, they planted black beans. Also taken into consideration was the content of the soil in terms of the presence of clay. The patch of corn grew on soil that had high concentrations of clay present, so Takai-Nakamura explained that radish was grown in the patch as well to break down the soil for future plants.

"We do research and teach [the community] what we learn," said fellow NMC agricultural extension agent Arnold Route.

"There were a lot of farmers that came and saw a lot of different varieties of [plants] here. They learned a lot today because these are mostly new varieties of plants we test here," shared

Department of Lands and Natural Resources agriculture director Manuel Tenorio is very appreciative to the efforts by NMC-CREES and is hopeful that the local farmers utilize the information provided.

"We hope that the results of the research may be utilized by the farmers here on the island so that they can start to plant different varieties of plants as well as the rather difficult plants to grow on Saipan," he said.

### Guo Lu sentenced for false statement to federal officer

GUAM—The acting Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Shawn N. Anderson announced that defendant Guo Hua Lu was sentenced last April 20 in the U.S. District Court by Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, to six months incarceration, a \$5,500 fine, \$750 restitution, one year of supervised release after incarceration, and a \$100 special assessment fee, for false statement to a federal officer.

Lu was a document preparer who obtained a fraudulent notarial certificate on behalf of a Chinese national seeking a passport for her U.S. citizen infant. When interviewed by an agent from the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, Lu denied his involvement in obtaining the fraudulent document.

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### **EDITORIAL**

# Trump can climb down from the wall

"You know, I said we were going to build a wall and Mexico was gonna pay for it. But it turns out, the bad hombres heard about Trump, and they stopped coming. They gave up. So we don't even need a wall. We just needed to let everybody know they're not going to take advantage of us anymore. And believe me, they know it. And why would I make Mexico pay for a wall when they're helping us out like they never did before? You wouldn't believe the cooperation we're getting now. The Mexicans have been tremendous!"

t sounds like Donald Trump, but it's not something he said. It's something he could say, if he wants a lasting way out of a self-created problem.

Until he changed direction this week, the biggest hang-up on a measure to keep the government operating after Friday was his demand that Congress appropriate billions to start construction of that "big, beautiful wall" he promised last year. But he hadn't been getting many takers on Capitol Hill. Democrats are united against paying for the barrier, and plenty of Republicans don't think it's feasible or affordable. Nor is the public convinced: A new Washington Post-ABC News poll has 60 percent of Americans against the idea, which would include some people who voted for him.

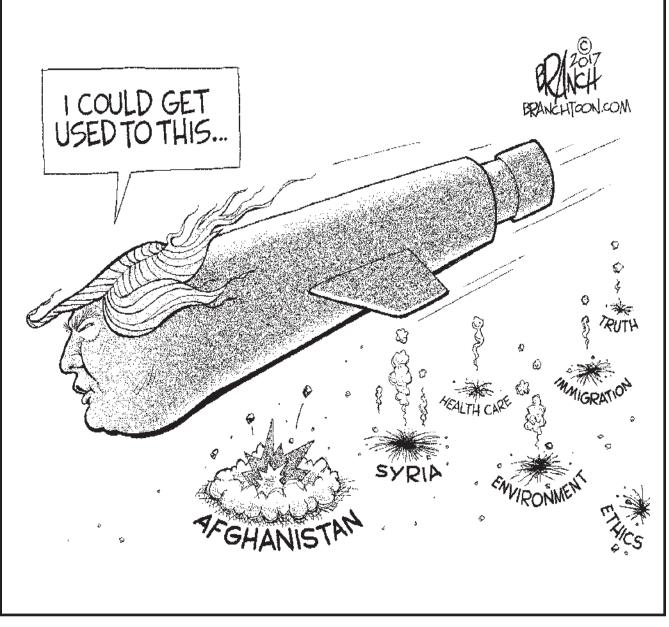
So on Monday night, Trump began to climb down from the wall, explaining that he's content to have this fight later. If he again changes tack, another government shutdown could occur — to the exasperation of voters who hoped last year's election would end the partisan gridlock. For the moment, though, Trump has flummoxed critics who hoped his demand for wall funding would lead to a shutdown and a widespread verdict of incompetence.

And here's more good news for Trump: Illegal crossings from Mexico have dropped like a rock — a reaction, presumably, to the "Unwelcome" mat he put out Jan. 20. The number of people apprehended trying to sneak in was down 64 percent in March compared with March 2016, bringing the number to the lowest in 17 years. "The perception of stricter enforcement can change behavior," concludes conservative writer David Frum in The Atlantic.

The case against Trump's favorite idea is familiar. It would be a logistical nightmare to construct a wall across 2,000 miles of terrain, some of it rugged desert and some of it liquid, in the form of the Rio Grande. Land would be expropriated. The project would take years. And the cost would be high. The Department of Homeland Security prices it at \$21.6 billion, but a report by the Democratic staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee says the tab would be more than triple that figure. And, let's not forget, the Mexican government has unequivocally rejected ever providing a peso for this structure.

The president may also have noted that a growing share of foreigners living here illegally came here legally as tourists or students and simply didn't leave when their time was up. For this cohort, a wall would be irrelevant. Stemming this flow requires putting more resources into tracking such visitors to assure that they depart on schedule. Money that goes to the wall, alas, can't be spent on this and other types of immigra-

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### Assumptions and heuristics

ere's a fancy word that seems to be getting traction these days: "heuristics."

I've been spotting it more and more in the wild

recently. I'm prone to use it myself on occasion.

Here's how Nassim Taleh defines the term: "Heuristics are

Here's how Nassim Taleb defines the term: "Heuristics are simplified rules of thumb that make things simple and easy to implement." He notes, "Their main advantage is that the user knows that they are not perfect, just expedient."

Nature has wired us with an array of heuristics. We assume, for example, that if something tastes sweet it's good to eat, but if something smells foul we shouldn't eat it. Are these rules always correct? No. But they've been good enough, often enough, to keep us in the gene pool when a snap decision was called for.

For another example, we can contemplate a heuristic for seeing a snake in our path. The snake might be dangerous, or it might not be dangerous, but, unless you're a snake expert, it's probably best to assume the worst and avoid the critter.

One heuristic that I observe is that if a restaurant seems a little grimy when I walk in, then I just unobtrusively walk out again. I've had friends point out that a grimy first appearance doesn't necessarily mean that the kitchen is dirty or that the food is unsafe. That's true. It has also been pointed out that a place that seems spotless to a customer might actually be a hygienic disaster behind the scenes. That's also true. But none of this shakes me from my heuristic, which makes quick use of the evidence that I can readily observe and which biases me towards a risk-averse path.

Earlier this week I caught the term "heuristic" in a magazine article. The article was about some shady practices in packaging. Apparently, some companies are putting smaller amounts of product into packages that look like they hold a lot more than they actually do. An expert was quoted on the subject, and referred to the consumer heuristic of assuming (often erroneously, as it turns out) that the bigger a package is, the more product it will contain.

Of course, this example isn't the only one where our mental wiring can fall short. This wiring can fail miserably in this age of sophisticated machinery and complicated financial structures. I didn't used to give this much thought, but it eventually occurred

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to me that, despite the complexities of the modern world, we still largely operate on reflexive assumptions. At this point we might be outside the strict confines of heuristics, but the fact remains that life is an invisible spider's web of mental short cuts.

And on that note, one of the most insidious ambiguities in the English language is how the term "thought" often refers not to a cognitive process, but, instead, to a state of believing or feeling.

This has implications for management, especially in safety-sensitive industries. For example, in the wake of an accident, phrases like "I thought the tire was properly inflated," or "I thought we had enough fuel on board the aircraft," are commonly heard. This often means there wasn't any actual thinking at all, but that somebody just took the assumption that matched the path of least resistance. I've seen this approach create fatal results in Saipan and elsewhere.

In management, then, keeping a vigil for potentially reckless "assumptions" is just part of the job. The higher the stakes are, the keener the vigil has to be.

On the positive side of the ledger, ancient sages have suggested heuristics that can make our lives better and more harmonious. For example, one rule of thumb, common to several old traditions, is to refrain from saying things intended to antagonize other people. As sensible as this may sound, it often runs contrary to the more raw texture of human nature. So I'd submit this as an example of a heuristic that has to be deliberately cultivated if it's to override a contrary, and more primal, impulse.

Overall, I think the term "heuristic" has value because it's a reminder that conceptual short-cuts are just part of the human design, both in ourselves and in others.

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### Miseries of unplanned growth

hen economic growth occurs there's the natural expectation that it would lift all boats especially for its hosts in a clean and healthy environment. But a critical scrutiny of unbridled growth especially around the business center in Garapan has turned life into a calvary of miseries for locals.

Water: Water hours in Garapan and adjoining areas has been reduced to two hours per day from the usual 24-hours. There's hardly any water for family use or kids who had to tidy up for school in the morning.

This happens when current basic infrastructure, e.g., water, power, sewer, and roads were never improved to absorb explosive expansion. This is the prize we pay when geniuses like Sen. Arnold Palacios ensured that BSI is absolved of agency scrutiny. Later, he too was asking, superficially donning the victimhood hat, what about water and power for Garapan? How many overcooked fried eggs did you eat, sir?

Generator: Who paid for the new generator and dedicated power grid hook-up expenses for BSI? I see, when natural calamities hit only CHC and BSI would have power while the rest inch their way through darkness? Wow! Talk about the work of evil geniuses that now bow daily to Lord Weed!

Eviction: The unbridled expansion also saw foreigners buying properties all over. They're busy rebuilding for profit that includes ousting locals placed there under housing vouchers due to their station in life. They were removed and displaced! This must be the prize of progress, right?

**B&B:** Legislators ought to delve into whether the improved properties have been turned into Breakfast and Bed rentals. Is it fair that hotels that have been with us through thick and thin

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are forced to pay "occupancy tax" while the new B&B walk off Scott Free?

Others who've built living quarters and granted "qualifying certificates" have also ensured that their clientele didn't include folks that are in the poverty income category. This definitely merits probing! Leyisleche?

Pollution: The arcane sewer treatment system in Agiñgan Point would be overloaded with heavy effluent. It presents greater chance of raw sewage being dumped into the ocean and pushed into the lagoon fronting the western side of the island. We'd be eating fat shitty fish while our tourists bask in filthy water too! Isn't this a bit too risky for a highly fragile island

Congestion: Traffic congestion has intensified where travel to Garapan turns into the longest unguided funeral procession. I personally drove from As Terlaje to the intersection that heads north to McDonald's. It was a frustratingly insane 31-minute drive. I used to clear it in less than seven minutes. Now it's forever! What a way to get to the hospital before you turn statistics behind the wheels!

**Collateral:** Grocery stores and other vendors in the area have also raised cost of goods up to tourist price at the expense of local consumers. Isn't this a form of greed at our expense?

Some say the offshoot has created jobs. Fine. But the beneficiaries too had to endure the same unsolicited congestion on the way to and from work. Jobs may pay well but is it really worth the hardship we have to endure collectively?

When business activities contract, the new real estate owners simply take to jet ways and head elsewhere where the grass is greener. We'd be stuck here with all the mess wrought by un-

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planned economic expansion.

**Influence peddling:** It's in the news that alleged Lt. Gov. Biktot Hokog met with the Lottery Commission ahead of the group's meeting. What was discussed in obvious violation of the Open Government Act? Isn't this what's known as "influence peddling" which is illegal?

But then what do we expect from Hokog's usual evasions and circumlocutions? But is he the single advance team captain of BSI? If I may reiterate, sir, it's called "influence peddling!" No animus here, it's just that fiat is now the order of business rather than the exception. Is this it?

The commission seemed to have forgiven BSI penalties for failing to meet its opening deadline. So what's the essence of legal provisions if each time the commission looks the other way? Shouldn't it be protecting the interest of the people in this case?

Nurse shortage: About five nurses have gone home recently while 30 more are slated to leave CHC by July. An additional 70 would leave by December as a result of the non-resolution of the CW issue. The hospital would suffer heavily by then. I know the management is painfully mulling the impending setback.

The issue is with U.S. Homeland Security that has yet to make a decision to meet the dire needs of territories. Nurse shortage is also a nationwide problem. It is also a major issue in both NMI and Guam hospitals. Non-resolution could mean cutting down various healthcare services in both jurisdictions.

**Airport chaos:** We've made so much progress even the airport is congested with confused visitors. It depicts the typical local way of problem solving: address in an empty speech; don't solve it. Then stand back, smile, and ask, "Whose job is it?"

Absurdity: The AGO represents the secretary of finance in one case then turns right around and sues her on another. It must be a higher level of foggy irony in absurdity, true? Is this only found in the legal profession?

**\$80K Scandal:** One of the most shallow legislation I've seen in years is the plan to increase legislators' salaries up to \$80,000 per year. You quiz if legislators are aware that some 51 percent of employees are earning poverty income level and below? Do they know that salaries have been stagnant for over 20 years?

Which reminds me of a book "Inside Job" where the author spoke of a government "of the people and by the people." He deleted the "for the people" end of it because it is reserved for unscrupulous politicians! Did you get that pal?

### Home wireless safety checklist

By MICHAEL J. CYGANEK

his week, the Office of the Attorney General's "Consumer Caution Corner" outlines the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") guidance on how owners of home wireless networks can best protect themselves from hackers and malicious programs such as viruses and spyware.

Overview: Home Wireless Network Many consumers today have their own wireless network, commonly referred to as "Wi-Fi." Wi-Fi is a facility allowing computers, smartphones, or other devices to connect to the Internet or communicate with one another wirelessly within a particular area.

### Home wireless safety checklist: 6 steps

The following six steps are recommended for owners of wireless networks in order to provide protection from hackers and malicious programs such as viruses and spyware. Consult the owner's manual that came with your wireless router or the manufacturer's website for specific instructions on performing the following steps. More information on this and other online safety topics is available at www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/consumer-publications-library

#### 1. Turn on encryption

WPA2 is currently the strongest home encryption available. WEP is less secure, and therefore not recommended. • What is encryption? "Encryption" is the process of converting information or data into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access.

#### 2. Turn on the router's firewall

Wireless routers are sometimes shipped with the firewall turned off. Ensure that yours is turned on. • What is a router? A "router" is a device that forwards data packets to the appropriate parts of a computer network.

• What is a firewall? A "firewall" is a network security device that monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic (e.g., Internet traffic) and decides whether to allow or block specific traffic based on a defined set of security rules. Fire-

walls have been a first line of defense in network security for over twenty-five (25) years.

#### 3. Change the router's preset password

To be most secure, your password should include letters, numbers, and/or symbols and should be at least twelve (12) characters long.

#### 4. Customize the network's name ("SSID")

You should give your network a unique name; however, you should NOT use personal information, such as family members'

### 5. Turn off network identifier broadcasting

Broadcasting the network's name ("SSID") is unnecessary with a home network and may invite attempts at unauthorized

#### 6. Set up a MAC address filter

This allows you to pre-approve the devices that can access your network.

#### **Federal Trade Commission's online** consumer safety website

The Federal Trade Commission's "OnGuard Online" website (www.onguardonline.gov) offers a wide-variety of online safety informational resources, such as video tutorials on adjusting the security settings of wireless routers from several manufacturers.

Each week, the OAG's Consumer Protection Education Program shares FTC and/or FCC publications that provide consumers and businesses with the "know-how" to identify and protect themselves from unfair trade practices and marketplace schemes. If you would like to file a Consumer Complaint, please pick up a Form at the OAG (in Capitol Hill) or request one by email from consumer counsel@cnmioag.org. After completing the Consumer Complaint, please submit it by email or in-person. We cannot act as your private attorney. If you need legal assistance, we will recommend that you contact a private attorney or legal aid organization. We cannot give legal advice or act as your private attorney.

Michael J. Cyganek is the consumer counsel of the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

### **TRUMP**

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tion enforcement that hold greater promise.

But spending for other types of enforcement would appeal to more members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle. Trump may not have trouble getting funds for better technology and other border impediments — anything other than a wall. Maybe that's been his gambit as the budget deadline approaches: Talk about a wall, but win appropriations for other security improvements. His supporters aren't likely to object much: The new Post/ABC poll puts his overall approval rating at a weak 42 percent, but among Trump voters, it's 94 percent. Only 2 percent of those who voted for Trump regret doing so.

If this switcheroo is his strategy, it could let him achieve progress on the basic issue without abandoning his campaign pledge. And if he never gets around to fulfilling that pledge, we're confident Trump will find a way to portray that as a victory.

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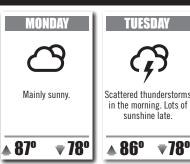
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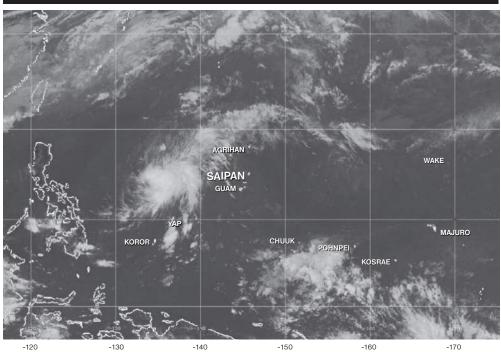








#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



#### PICTURE TIME: 6:00 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

Could see some re-development of showers this afternoon with the last of the convergence east of Tropical Storm Muifa. With the main body of it having pushed to the west of us though, the threat of further soaking heavy rain diminished. What a ride this has been, with two daily rainfall records in the past 3 days. The drought index is now a paltry 77, a mere shadow of itself just a few days ago. Fire weather season will have a hard time getting started again after this.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Palau	Thunderstorms	85   77 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	88   71 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86   81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85   78 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84   79 °F
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Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	76   67 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	84   71 °F
London	Cloudy	58   42 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	86   61 °F
Manila	Partly Cloudy	95   81 °F
Melbourne	Cloudy	64   55 °F
Miami	Sunny	85   77 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	79   59 °F
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	67   55 °F
Paris	Rain	59   36 °F
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	73   44 °F
Rome	Cloudy	61   45 °F
Salem	Partly Cloudy	59   37 °F
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	68   55 °F
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	70   46 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	61   51 °F
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	85   68 °F



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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily		UA6395	7:15am	8:05
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota		UA6391	12:10pm	1:00
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6		UA6390	12:10pm	1:50
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily		UA6397	4:45pm	5:35
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily		UA6399	8:30pm	9:20

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7C3433 3:55am 7:30am 3, 7

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 5:20am 8:00am 1, 4, 5, 7

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764 1:30am 6:50am 3, 5, 7

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

4:30am 7:50am

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

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### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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# 15 tons of electronic waste shipped for recycling

Following the decommissioning of the island's CDMA network and upgrade to LTE, IT&E chief operating officer John Compton shares that 15 tons of electronic waste have been collected and shipped to a recycling center.

"IT&E has been steadfast about recycling electronic waste. We understand that our islands do not have the capabilities to recycle these materials but for many years we've established partnerships to ensure these metal materials are repurposed. With the decommissioning of the CDMA network and removal of old GSM equipment, we've definitely improved our sustainability while increasing the speeds our subscribers experience," Compton said.

In observance of Environmental Awareness Month this April, he shares IT&E has remained conscientious of the environmental impacts of improving telecommunication infrastructure.

"It remains a priority and will continue to be our responsibility as telecommunications evolve. We want to thank our ensuring the safe removal of these old servers," he said.

To learn more about IT&E, stop by our Chalan Lau Lau Store on Middle Road, IT&E's

team for all their hard work in Garapan store inside the TSL Plaza or IT&E Kagman near the main road in Kagman 3. You can also log onto Facebook at IT&E CNMI or blog.ite.net for more information. (PR)



Second from right, IT&E General Services manager Ed Javier Jr. and chief operating officer John Compton, right, with the Supply and Transportation team after loading 15 tons of electronic waste into a 46-foot container





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is located on Upper Navy Hill. For more information, contact the school at 322-3320/3850 or set up an appointment to visit the school



### Newly launched website details alleged sexual abuse by clergy

SPRING VALLEY, NY—Author and quantitative analyst G.R. Pafumi announces the launch of his newest website, VictimsSpeakDB.org. It is derived from the proprietary Survivor Accounts

of Catholic Clergy Abuse, Denial, Accountability and Silence (SACCADAS) database. The site provides comprehensive analyses of the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults in 49 countries on six continents. VictimsSpeakDB.org includes statistical data detailing the abuse of over 9,000 victims molested by nearly 3,000 Catholic clergy, dating as far back as the 1920s,

and as recently as 2017. The launch of the new website was timed to coincide with pending state legislation to expand the SOL (statute of limitations) for survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Key findings of the SAC-CADAS database include:

- Abuse patterns in Australia/New Zealand and Canada mirror patterns observed in the United States, including the gender of the abused and the decades in which the greatest abuse occurred (1960-1989).
- The average age at the time the abuse was first reported was 43 years for victims who came forward in the 21st century. Their average delay in reporting that abuse was 29 years after the abuse ended. This is strong evidence as to why the statute of limitations to report sex crimes against children must be expanded.
- There is a spike in first reporting of abuse at ages 30-49 for men (nearly half of the male victims) and ages 40-59 for women (nearly half of the female victims).
- Three times as many male abuse victims (8.4 percent) became substance abusers as compared with females.
- 1 out of 4 molested male minors were altar boys, while only 1 out of 100 females were altar servers.
- Nearly 10 percent of clergy abusers continued to abuse after their first accusation, in some case for more than 25 years after.
- Attempted suicide rates

were 5.3 percent of clergyabuse victims, as compared with 8.6 percent in the general population. However actual suicides identified in the SACCADAS database were over 30 times the rate in the general population (based on Centers for Disease Control– CDC–data).

■ Over 80 percent of the victims abused by priests were male. Nearly 90 percent of the victims abused by brothers were male. Brothers represented nearly one third of clergy abusers in Australia/ New Zealand, as compared with 6 percent in the United States. This is the result of a greater number of Catholic children who resided in Catholic boarding schools. Well over half of the victims abused by nuns were female. Only 4 percent of clergy molesters abused children of both sexes.

The website is both fee-free and ad-free. It does not require registration, although there is a Contact Us feature for users who wish to be notified about major updates to the site. There is also a companion VictimsSpeakDB Blog. It permits registration for users who wish to keep apprised of ongoing research studies derived from the SACCADAS database. (PR)







# Furasato: Welcome back to your

**By JON PEREZ** 

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Furusato means hometown in Japanese. Maybe that's why it has become a must for tourists from the East Asian country to stop by and visit

one of several Japanese restaurants on Saipan, and for locals to make it their regular place to hangout either every lunch or dinner time.

Furusato has been around for close to 18 years now, making it one of the familiar landmarks in the Garapan tourist district. It sits in the same spot since the day it opened on Sept. 1, 1999.

Though Furusato is usually packed with mostly tourists wanting to unwind after a day of visiting the island's historical and scenic spots, owner Hideaki Sawada wanted to give more push on their res-

taurant's daily lunch specials that offers a different set meal from 11:30am to 2pm from Mondays to Saturdays.

Of course, they still offer traditional favorites of ramen, soba, and udon—hot cold—shrimp

or vegetable tempura, karaage (Japanese fried chicken), katsudon (pork cutlet),

tonkatsu (breaded deepfried pork cutlet), miso soup, and gyoza (Japanese-style dumplings).

Their usual customers and regulars are walk-ins since parking has been a problem as they sit right in the middle of Paseo de Marianas. That's why most of their customers at night are the possible result of the increased foot traffic of tourists just going around the

Tour agents also contributed to their daily clientele as they

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Furusato has been around for close to 18 years and it remains in the same location in Garapan.



Furusato's karaage or Japanese fried chicken.

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One of Japanese's favorites, shrimp tempura.

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L - R: Rufina Camacho Reyes, Virginia Camacho Castro, Francisca Camacho Torres, Soledad Camacho Cabrera, Antonia Camacho Sablan, Concepcion Camacho Cabrera. Center: Gregorio Campos Camacho (Not in photo: Juan Campos Camacho, Ignacia Camacho Lifoifoi, and Maria Camacho Diaz (Arrisun)



We the family of Leonardo Muna Camacho and Maria Padilla Campos (Naddu Family Tree) will be holding a family reunion on July 28 and 29, 2017. Ongoing meetings are currently being conducted weekly, every Thursdays, at the Kiosku Building, located across the U. S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa.

Gathering time starts at 5:30 p.m. with the official beginning time at 6:00 p.m. We encourage and welcome family members and representatives to be present in our weekly meetings. Please Come and join us!

Planning: Special Mass, Entertainment, Fiesta Food, Games and Lots of Fun!



Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow



Gyoza or Japanese style fried dumplings.

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### **FURASATO**

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bring groups of hungry tourists to the restaurant.

Sawada is also hands on when it comes inside the kitchen, he works as the quality control officer making sure cook Leonardo Montera follows in creating dishes the authentic and traditional Japanese way. Most of their ingredients are bought locally in Japanese stores except for some that they have to order directly from Japan like the hand-pulled noodles.

Montera, who has been Furusato's cook since it opened its doors almost 18 years ago, had been trained in Japanese cooking even when he was still working in the Philippines. He oversees the preparation of your food once you order, with most of the time Sawada supervising to make sure the taste remains authentic.

Furusato has earned positive reviews on American travel website TripAdvisor Inc., which provides feedback on travel-related content. Furusato was reviewed in five different languages, English, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Russian—some of Saipan's target market in the highly competitive tourism industry.

Furusato is one of the oldest restaurants on the island. It enjoyed the days of economic boom and remained on Saipan during the years of the slump, making it a part of the CNMI's history. And with the local economy on the rebound, they are hoping to earn a share of the tourism pie and continue to serve great food in a warm and cozy Japanese dining experience.

Furusato is open from 11:30am to 2pm during lunch, and 6pm to 11pm at dinnertime from Mondays to Sundays. For more information or reservations, call 233-3333.

### 2 sentenced to prison in 'ice' trafficking case

The acting Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Shawn N. Anderson announced that defendants Francisco C. Arias and Eder J. Cortez-Zelaya, who were convicted at the trial of U.S. v. Francisco Arias, Eder Cortez-Zelaya and Corinna Concepcion, in the District Court of Guam, were sentenced last April 19.

Arias, age 42, an undocumented alien and citizen from Mexico, was sentenced by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, to life imprisonment for count one, conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine (ice), after taking into consideration his role of threatening one individual; 20 years for count two, conspiracy to commit money laundering; and five years each for counts 4 and 5,unlawful use of the mail to facilitate the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. All sentences are to be served concurrently.

Cortez-Zelaya, age 34, a naturalized U.S. citizen originating from El Salvador, was sentenced by Tydingco-Gatewood to 292 months for count one, conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine (ice), 20 years for count two, conspiracy to commit



money laundering; and five years each for counts 4 and 5, unlawful use of the mail to facilitate the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. All sentences are to be served concurrently.

Both Arias and Cortez-Zelaya were determined to be organized leaders, who conspired with 15 co-defendants, to have packages of methamphetamine (ice) transported from Las Vegas, Nevada and received on Guam. All of the co-defendants have been sentenced.

This OCDETF case in- Lemons, Jr. (PR)

volved federal agents and local law enforcement officers of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations, Guam Police Department, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, U.S. National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration, and U.S. Coast Guard Criminal Investigative Services.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde

### Man sentenced to 57 months in jail for 'ice' trafficking

GUAM-The acting Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Shawn N. Anderson has sentenced Michael V. Bamba to a 57-month term of imprisonment after pleading guilty for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine hydrochloride of "ice."

Aside from the 57 months in jail, the 33-year-old native of Tamuning was also sentenced to three years of supervised release and 100 hours of community service. The court also ordered Bamba to pay a mandatory \$100 assessment fee.

In addition, defendants who are convicted of a federal drug offense may no longer qualify for certain federal benefits.

On April 29, 2015, Bamba was charged by idictment with conspiracy to distribute "ice" and attempted possession with intent to distribute "ice." On Aug. 13, 2015, Bamba entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute "ice," in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

The investigation revealed that Bamba, and other individuals, agreed to use the mail system to distribute large

quantities of methamphetamine on Guam. Law enforcement seized over 137 grams of methamphetamine, with a 90 percent purity level.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration, with assistance by the Guam Superior Court Probation Office, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Guam Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Clyde Lemons, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Guam. *(PR)* 

### Bautista sentenced for conspiracy to commit visa fraud

The acting Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Shawn N. Anderson announced that defendant Antonia Bautista was sentenced last April 20 in the U.S. District Court by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to two years probation and a \$100 special assessment fee. for conspiracy to commit visa fraud.

Bautista was part of a conspiracy involving Guam Construction Company, its president and vice president, Byong H. Kang and Choon H. Kang, respectively. On April 4, 2014, an information was filed against Bautista chargfraud by intentionally misrepresenting occupations of facilitate fraudulently obtaining H-2B visas.

After the H-2B workers arrived in Guam, Bautista, GCC's office manager and corporate secretary, assisted the Kangs and caused GCC to employ the H-2B workers in skilled occupations not authorized on their H-2B visas, as electricians, engineers, heavy equipment operators and others. BAUTISTA pled guilty on April 4, 2014.

This investigation was a joint effort between both local and federal law enforce-

ing conspiracy to commit visa ment, the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations, H-2B workers in an effort to the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations Section, U.S. Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division working together with Guam Department of Labor and Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency task force officers. Jointly, they investigated not only visa fraud and a sophisticated money laundering scheme, but those who fraudulently obtain federal contracts, and do not pay fair wages.

> This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen F. Leon Guerrero. (PR)







### FREE Small Business Development Workshops

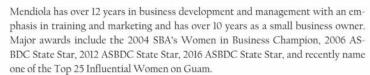
### How to Write a Marketing Plan

### Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

8:30am-11:00am

Location: CDA Board Room

Presented by: Denise Mendiola, Guam SBDC Senior Business Advisor/ Women in Business Program Coordinator





If you have attended other SBDC marketing courses, you will have learned the importance of market research, target markets, positioning, and your marketing message. You may also be considering implementing elements of the guerrilla marketing approach into your marketing program. This workshop builds on these approaches, and provides you with a step-by-step guide to preparing a formal marketing plan. Depending on the nature and size of your business, your marketing plan could be complex and detailed, or very simple and straightforward. But unless you have a formal marketing plan of some kind, it will be very difficult for you to implement a marketing strategy that is both consistent and focused.

### Limited Seating. Register now at: pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com

For more information or to reserve your seats today, contact the CNMI SBDC at 670-664-3018 or visit www.pacificsbdc.com

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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-031

#### FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- OMB Circular A-133
- Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
- Audits of States and Local Government Units. Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)

The date of contract award will be no later than May 26, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed within forty (40) calendar days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2016 ents to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-031, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016"to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on May 12, 2017. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 5, 2017 to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Manny Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO Executive Director

**MANUEL B. SABLAN** Purchasing Administrator

### Manta Bucks on way to Golden Bear West Coast Drill Meet

High School Manta Ray Battalion and Rota High School Cham-

Cadets from Saipan Southern orro Bucks will represent the in Torrance, California. CNMI once again at the Golden Bear National Drill Team Meet

The SSHS Drill Team will represent the CNMI in the Armed

Division, while the RHS Drill Team will represent the CNMI in the Unarmed Division.

RHS Drill Team headed to Torrance, California last April

The SSHS Drill Team and 25. The competition is set on Saturday, April 29, at North High School. (PR)







### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY(CPA)

CNMI GOVERNMENT

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### **ICE TO BIDDERS**

OMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **TINIAN** INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF RAPID REFILL STATION IMPROVEMENTS, TINIAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "ARFF Rapid Refill Station Improvements for the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-24/XX", and submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after 2:00 p.m. on the same day.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to construction of temporary facilities and silt fences, excavation of ponding basin, demolition of existing water tank, clearing and grubbing at water tank area and ponding basin, disconnection and capping of existing utilities, removal and disposal of existing vegetation, cutting, disposal and restoration of asphalt roadway, driveway and parking pavement, trenching, placement of 6" PVC, 8" PVC, and 12" PVC waterlines with its fittings and appurtenances, and backfill, construction of ponding basin, the construction of a 200,000-gallon glass-fused bolted steel water tank, and its appurtenances, pump house, generator room and its appurtenances, pressure reducing valve with concrete valve vault and its appurtenances, reconnection of existing waterline to the new vaterline, installation and relocation of fire hydrants, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be Three Hundred (300) Calendar Days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their d will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO **Executive Director** 

Date: April 25, 2017



### **COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

Main Office: FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT P.O. BOX 501055, SAIPAN MP 96950-1055 Phone: (670) 237-6500/1 • Fax (670) 234-5962 E-mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

SEALED BIDS for Design-Build for the Installation of PAPI/REIL at Runway 25 at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

One original and three copies of the sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Design-Build to provide a complete Design and Construction for the Runway 25's New Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) and Runway End Identifier Light (REIL) Systems based on the PAPI/REIL System to be supplied by CPA. Design and Installation will include other related support tasks as described and all in accordance with the Statement of Work and other information.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA). The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Statement of Work and other information may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of <u>ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)</u> for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Saipan International Airport Conference room, at 10:00 AM, MAY 19, 2017 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

The Contract period for Design and Construction of the Project in its entirety shall be one hundred eighty (180) calendar days. The performance period shall include all required designs calculations, progress submittal reviews, approval of the final design, complete permitting, procurement of materials, other construction incidentals, system certification, punch list corrections final operational testing, acceptance and other requirements necessary to deliver a complete, usable and dependable PAPI/REIL systems and facilities. Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders: or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a wealth Ports Authority

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70 of the General Provisions. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO **Executive Director** 

Date: April 17, 2017

#### PEARL HARBOR-HICK-

AM—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific announced last April 17 the winners of the NAVFAC Pacific Area of Responsibility Employee, Supervisor and Team of the Year Awards Program for 2017.

The award recipients include: Dean Johnasen, employee of the year from NAV-FAC Hawaii; Kristopher Tom, supervisor of the year from NAVFAC Pacific; and the NAVFAC Marianas Operations Team, team of the year from NAVFAC Marianas.

"There were many qualified nominations and the competition was fierce, but I am very pleased with the selections that were made for these three award categories," said NAV-FAC Pacific Commander Rear Adm. John Korka. "Dean, Kristopher and the entire NAVFAC Marianas Operations Team represent the best of NAVFAC and I congratulate them all on this well-deserved recognition."

The NAVFAC Pacific AOR Awards Program creates an opportunity within the Echelon III and IV commands to nominate personnel who best represent NAVFAC's professionally diverse organization. The program continues to recognize employees who exemplify the NAVFAC culture, encourages innovation and excellence, and reinforces pride in the NAVFAC organization.

### **Employee of the Year**

Dean Johnasen serves as an engineering equipment operator at NAVFAC Hawaii's Public Works transportation motor vehicle operations. He operates excavators, backhoes, bobcats and assists in repairing broken water lines, road repairs and demolition of buildings and warehouses. He also loads trucks, operates on the shorelines removing mangrove derbies, and drives and hauls heavy equipment to job sites. Johnasen was recognized as the lead operator during the force sewer main replacement project and his technical expertise in trenching was critical to this complex, time sensitive mission. He demonstrated a high degree of integrity and drive while working vigorous hours throughout the week to ensure the project remained on schedule without disrupting traffic flow. The attention to detail and can do attitude Johnasen demonstrated played a key role in the success of various projects he was involved with.

### **Supervisor of the Year**

Kristopher Tom is a supervisory contract specialist at NAVFAC Pacific's Acquisition department. He demonstrated exceptional leadership to develop his employees and interns through an emphasis on training and mentoring to improve knowledge, capabilities and gain efficiencies in ex-

### NAVFAC recognizes standout employees in Pacific

ecuting mission requirements. Tom also showcased exceptional collaboration skills with the NAVFAC Pacific and Hawaii environmental staff, the Guam Program Management Office and the Headquarters acquisition staff to execute an extensive workload through the year expeditiously. Due to his leadership and contracting office responsibilities, his team executed 427 actions in fiscal year 2016 with a staff of seven employees. He rapidly responded to urgent and high visibility projects to ensure they were executed timely, while ensuring the other mission requirements were met. Also under his leadership and guidance, he awarded contracts valued at \$125M.

### **Team of the Year**

The NAVFAC Marianas Safety Explosive Team of the NAVFAC Marianas Operations department consists of the following team members: Cmdr. Warren Lebeau; Craig Guth; Cmdr. Adam Perrins; Lt. Kathryn Gutierrez; Lt. Greg Kemper; Lt. Cmdr. Fede Perez Romero; Lt. Jesse Pruneda; Lt. Cmdr. Henry Sutter; Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Mattivi; Lt. Kevin Kasczmarski; Jacob Punzalan: William White; Kenneth Gould; Janalyn Rosario; John Masterson; Jay Lewis; Lt. Michael Bozek; Andrew Orr; Troy Orender; Robert Simpson; Lee Enzastiga. The team challenged existing processes and leveraged innovative planning to address the major challenges and significant financial impacts associated with the implementation of the Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) program on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Working together, the team continued to pursue risk-taking, flexibility in integration of the munitions clearance, site planning, engineering, construction and acquisition processes to gain efficiencies and continued effectiveness, which led to the achievement of the Chief of Naval Operations Explosive Safety (CNO ES) Exemption. The CNO ES Exemption is anticipated to reduce the munitions response impact with a cost avoidance of \$1.7 billion over the course of the next 10

fiscal years, which equates to a 16 percent reduction of total construction schedule.

NAVFAC is the Systems Command that delivers and maintains quality, sustainable facilities, acquires and manages capabilities for the Navy's expeditionary combat forces, provides contingency engineering response, and enables energy security and environmental stewardship. Additional updates and information about NAVFAC can be found on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Like our NAVFAC Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/navfac and follow us at www.twitter. com/navfac, or visit our Photostream on Flickr at www.flickr. com/photos/navfac. (PR)

### HSC-25 conducts at-sea MEDEVAC of Japanese national

ASAN, Guam—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 assisted in the medical evacuation of a Japanese national who required advanced medical care April 20.

Knight Rider 09, a Navy MH-60S helicopter, was launched from Andersen Air Force Base at approximately 2:45pm. The crew of two pilots, a crew chief, a rescue swimmer, Search and Rescue medical technician, and the squadron's flight surgeon flew approximately 40

miles southwest of the island to meet a Guam-based U.S. Coast Guard vessel carrying the patient.

After lowering the SAR swimmer and SMT, Navy personnel assessed and transferred the patient to a litter that could be lifted to the helicopter. Once transferred, the crew hoisted the patient onto Knight Rider 09 and transported him to Naval Hospital Guam for further transport to Guam Memorial Hospital to receive the critical care he needed.

"It is an honor to support the U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas with a 24hour SAR and MEDEVAC alert, and is a vital effort that directly translates into lives saved," said Cmdr. William Eastham, HSC-25's Executive Officer and the Helicopter Aircraft Commander of the flight. "All our extensive training in all mission sets culminated in a tricky rescue over a small vessel in 7-foot rolling seas. Great credit to the entire HSC-25

team, including a robust maintenance effort to provide mission ready aircraft ready to respond."

The mission of HSC-25 is to deploy detachments to conduct helicopter sea combat operations in support of 7th Fleet and national defense. In addition, the Island Knights provide logistics, SAR, force protection, and disaster response support to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (PR)



# **Safe and Healthy Programs**



### Responsible Employers Manage Safety in the Workplace

### A safe workplace is sound business.

What is a

### safety and health program?

A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses. Several program models are available for employees to follow, including OSHA's Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, NSC's Journey to Safety Excellence, ANCI Z-10, or international standards such as OHSAS 18001. All successful safety and health programs involve three key components:

- Management leadership
- Worker participation
- A systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards



You can use OSHA's free recommended practices document and other resources to find the approach that is best for your workplace.

Download the OSHA Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs at www.osha.gov/shpguidelines

### Why implement

a safety and health program?

Each year, more than four million workers suffer from serious job-related injuries or illnesses, and more than 4,000 Americans die from work-related incidents. These incidents don't just hurt workers and their families, they hurt businesses as well. Whether at large organization, medium-sized employers, or small businesses, safety and health programs can improve businesses' safety and health performance, save money, enhance your reputation, and help you be more competitive.

Safety and health programs can help you:

- Prevent workplace injuries and illnesses
- Improve compliance with laws and regulations
- Reduce costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums
- Engage workers
- Enhance your social responsibility goals
- Increase productivity and enhance overall business operations

Effective January 1, 2015, all employers under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be required to report all work-related fatalities within eight hours and all in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours of finding out about the incident.

### How do I get started?

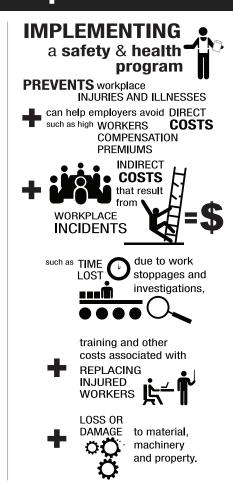
Getting started is easy and you can do it yourself. OSHA has recently updated its 1989 Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines to reflect changes in the economy, workplaces and evolving safety and health issues. The updated document, Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, has been well received by a wide variety of stakeholders and is designed to be used in a small and medium-sized business settings.

Safety -- Health

The recommended practices present a step-by-step approach for implementing a safety and health program, built around seven core elements that make up a successful program. OSHA also provides resources to help small-and medium-sized businesses implement a safety and health program.

### Where can I find help?

OSHA recognizes that regulations alone are not enough to change the safety culture in America, but a safety and health program is a way to start the journey to a safer workplace. Today's responsible business owner are actively managing safety in the workplace – why not get started now? Visit www.osha.gov/shcampaign.



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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-024

#### KAILING DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified construction firms for the Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of abandoning the existing 4-inch waterline and replacing it with a new 4 inch C900 PVC pipe. Work will also consist of installing new fire hydrant and gate valve assemblies, reconnection of service laterals to the new water main and replacement of water meter assemblies. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 120 calendar days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on <u>May 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u> at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-024, CUC Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan," to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 31, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms.

 $Bidders\ may\ supplement\ the\ form\ as\ appropriate.\ Bids\ will\ be\ required\ to\ be\ submitted\ under\ a\ condition\ of\ irrevocability$ 

 $Bidders\ are\ advised\ that\ CUC\ assumes\ no\ responsibility\ in\ any\ act\ of\ omission\ on\ the\ part\ of\ the\ bidders\ due\ to\ lack\ of\ information\ or\ understanding\ of\ the\ bid\ requirements\ in\ the\ course\ of\ Contractor's\ preparation\ of\ a\ bid\ under\ the\ contract.$ 

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in A Bid Guarantee of lifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. In esecurity deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on May 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joel Puyat, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Technician- via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Administrator



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS **CUC-IFB-17-025**

#### ISA DRIVE SEWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT PART B

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified Construction firms for the Construction of the Isa Drive Sewer Line Extension Project Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth

This work consists of new installation of new sewer mains, manholes, and drop manholes. The asphalt pavement restoration shall be completed by others. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specificatio

CUC requires the Project to be completed by August 15, 2017 pending the Department of Public Works ongoing road construction. It may be extended if the road construction experiences any delays in the vicinity of the sewer line extension. The contractor shall be allotted a minimum of 90 days to complete the work.

 $This project is funded by the Commonwealth \ Utilities \ Corporation \ and \ the \ Capital \ Improvement \ Project \ thru \ the \ CNMI. \ The \ award \ of this project \ is contingent \ upon \ receipt \ of the \ approval for \ project \ award \ from \ the \ Commonwealth \ Utilities \ Corporation.$ 

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on May 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17,

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-025, Isa Drive Sewer Line Extension Part B" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 16, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (Ch5T) on May 8, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org and to Travis Spaeth, CUC Project Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org.

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### 1st police training on violence against women for executive Pacific officers



The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre is conducting a workshop for senior police officers on gender violence against women and human rights in Nadi, Fiji.

NADI, Fiji—Eighteen senior police officers and policy staff from eight Pacific countries are attending a workshop on gender violence against women and human rights in Nadi

This is the first workshop for regional executive-level police officers facilitated by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre (FWCC) and funded by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). It builds on four previous training sessions funded by the AFP with frontline police officers from across the Pacific to improve policies and responses to cases of violence against women.

The participants include Tuvalu's Acting Police Commissioner Luka Falefou and Tonga's Deputy Commissioner Corporate Ashley Fua. Officers from Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa and Vanuatu are also attending the workshop.

The workshop targets officers who are able to influence change in their frontline response to survivors of violence against women and to bring perpetrators to justice.

FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali is facilitating the fiveday workshop at the Sofitel Hotel on Denarau in Nadi.

"Understanding the gender dynamics and power relations at play in cases of violence against women should help these officers critique and develop policy and procedures to respond to such cases," Shamima Ali said.

"With rates of violence against women in the Pacific among the highest in the world, police officers are key partners in eliminating the problem because they are the ones women turn to

first for protection.

The workshop is also examining the links between policing and human rights, with the hope that the participating officers will contribute to putting in place procedures that will uphold human rights and provide justice for survivors of violence.

The officers will develop action plans that will enable them to implement their learning during the week on how to improve their response to female survivors of violence.

The series of workshops with regional police officers is part of the Australian Federal Police's Pacific Police Development Program Regional (PPDP-R), an Australian Government initiative supporting a broad range of police development activities through the region. (PR)



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# **Business**

### White House: Trump will not immediately bolt NAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump on Wednesday told the leaders of Mexico and Canada that he will not immediately pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement, just hours after administration officials said he was considering a draft executive order to do just that.

The White House made the surprise announcement in a read-out of calls between Trump, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"President Trump agreed not to terminate NAFTA at this time and the leaders agreed to proceed swiftly, according to their required internal procedures, to enable the renegotiation of the NAFTA deal to the benefit of all three countries," said the White House.

Trump said he believes "the end result will make all three countries stronger and better."

The Mexican government confirmed the conversation in a statement issued late Wednesday.

"The leaders agreed on the convenience of maintaining the North American Free Trade Agreement and working together with Canada to carry out a successful renegotiation for the benefit of all three countries," the statement read.

Trudeau's office issued a brief statement saying "the two leaders continued their dialogue on Canada-U.S. trade relations, with the Prime Minister reinforcing the importance of stability and job growth in our trade relations."

The White House announcement came hours after administration officials said Trump was considering a draft executive order to withdraw the U.S. from the deal - though administration officials cautioned it was just one of a number of options being discussed by the president and his staff.

Some saw the threat as posturing by Trump to gain leverage over Mexico and Canada as he tries to negotiate changes to the deal. Trump railed against the decades-old trade deal during his campaign, describing it as a "disaster."

Senior White House officials had spent recent days discussing steps that could be taken to start the process of renegotiating or withdrawing from NAF-TA before the end of Trump's first 100 days in office, according to a person familiar with the president's thinking.

But the person, along with an administration official, who both spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss internal deliberations, had said a number of options remained on the table, and stressed discussions are ongoing about the best way to proceed.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer declined to comment on the order, which was first reported by Politico.

"The president has made addressing the problems of NAF-TA a priority throughout the campaign, and once the president makes a decision about how he wants to address that, we'll let you know," he said. The administration appeared to be divided Wednesday over how and when to proceed, as they balanced a newfound cautiousness with the desire to rack up accomplishments before Trump's 100th day on the job.

Some were gunning for Trump to sign a draft order this week, while others were weighing the complications surrounding withdrawing from or renegotiating the deal without Congress fully onboard. The debate played out in the press Wednesday as some outlets quoted officials insisting the signing was imminent, while other officials dismissed the reports as "just a rumor."

"My practice is to comment on things we've actually done or are doing as opposed to commenting on rumors," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross told reporters at an unrelated White House briefing Wednesday evening.

Trump could withdraw from NAFTA—but he would have

to give six months' notice. And it is unclear what would happen next. The law Congress passed to enact the trade pact might remain in place, forcing Trump to wrangle with law-makers and raising questions about the president's authority to raise tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports.

### United raising limit on payments to bumped flyers to \$10K

DALLAS (AP)—United Airlines says it will raise the limit—to \$10,000—on payments to customers who give up seats on oversold flights and will increase training for employees as it deals with fallout from the video of a passenger being violently dragged from his seat.

United is also vowing to reduce, but not eliminate, overbooking—the selling of more tickets than there are seats on the plane.

The airline made the promises Thursday as it released a report detailing mistakes that led to the April 9 incident on a United Express plane in Chicago.

United isn't saying whether ticket sales have dropped since the removal of a

69-year-old passenger by three airport security officers, but the airline's CEO admits it could be damaging.

"I breached public trust with this event and how we responded," Oscar Munoz told The Associated Press. "People are upset, and I suspect that there are a lot of people potentially thinking of not flying us."

To head off customer defections, United had already announced that it will no longer call police to remove passengers from overbooked flights, and will require airline crews traveling for work to check in sooner. On Thursday, it added several other new policies including:

■ Raising the limit on compensation to \$10,000 for cus-

tomers who give up their seats. That is a maximum—it's unclear how many, if any, passengers would see that much. The current limit is \$1,350. Delta Air Lines earlier this month raised its limit to \$9,950.

■ Sending displaced passengers or crew members to nearby airports, putting them on other airlines or arranging for car transportation to get them to their destinations.

Giving gate agents annual refresher training in dealing with oversold flights. Munoz said he also wants agents and flight attendants to get more help at de-escalating tense situations.

For United, the timing of the viral video could hardly have been worse. The airline strug-

gled badly after a 2010 merger with Continental, enduring several technology breakdowns that angered customers. In the past year, however, the airline has flown more on-time flights and lost fewer bags. It recently rolled out plans for expanding service this summer.

Instead of being commended for those signs of progress, however, it has faced more than two weeks of withering criticism and mockery. David Dao, the passenger injured when he was yanked from his seat, is almost certain to file a lawsuit.

Munoz apologized again and faulted his own initial response, in which he defended airline employees and called Dao belligerent.



## NOTICE OF APPLICATION DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMEN



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## As of April 28, 2017 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Division of Coastal Resources Management P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 Tel.: (670) 664-8300; Fax: (670) 664-8315 www.crm.gov.mp



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Housing Project by Zone D Development Ltd. dba Good Dynasty Ltd. Zone D Development Limited is proposing to construct six 3-story, single family residential dwellings, 12 parking stalls (two for each unit), lighting poles, landscaping, and 16 feet wide paved driveway or travel lanes. The project site is situated on private lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, and 458-NEW-3 measuring a total area of about 4.076 square meters in Chalan Piao, Saipan.

A public hearing is scheduled for **May 17, 2017, 5:00PM** at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zone D Saipan Housing project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro Director Division of Coastal Resources Management

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS
1. Auto Marine Inc.	3/30/2017 SPI-2017-X-046	Drydock	South Sea Plane Ramp, Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved- 4/5/2017
2. Saipan Crewboats, Inc.	4/10/2017 SPI-2017-X-047	Drydock	Able Dock, Lower Base Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved- 4/12/2017
3. Isaac S. Eang	4/10/2017 SWm-2017-X-048	Construction of 2-bedroom house	Sadog Tasi, Saipan	Wetland	Approved- 4/13/2017
4. Marianas Visitors Authority	4/19/2017 SSm-2017-X-049	Taste of the Marianas	Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved- 4/21/2017
5. Saipan Sea Cruises	4/21/2017 SPI-2017-X-051	Drydock	Able Dock, Lower Base Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
6. Saipan Hotel Corporation dba Grand Vrio Resort	4/21/2017 SMS-90-X-115 Amendment 2017-1	Construction of kiddie pool	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting Amendment	Under Review
7. Aquaville Inc.	4/3/2017 SLRm-2015-X-026	Marine Sports Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Managaha	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 4/23/2017
8. Zen Corporation	3/23/2017 SLRm-2005-X-034	Marine Sports Marine Sports Activities	Achugao, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 4/24/2017
9. Naka's Diving Services	3/30/2017 TSLRm-2005-X-120	Marine Sports Scuba Diving Tour Operation	All Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 3/30/2017
10. Asia Marine Sports	4/5/2017 SLRm-2010-X-013	Marine Sports Managaha Transfer	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 4/13/2017
11. Tropical Leisure Sports	4/10/2017 SLRm-97-X-82	Marine Sports Banana Boat Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved- 4/13/2017

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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# Nation

# Arkansas' set to conclude executions with 4th on Thursday

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Arkansas' aggressive effort to execute condemned inmates is set to conclude Thursday after the state Supreme Court refused to halt the execution of a man who killed a former deputy prison warden following an escape.

Kenneth Williams, 38, was sentenced to death for killing Cecil Boren after escaping from the Cummins Unit prison in a barrel of hog slop. Williams was initially serving a life term for killing a university cheerleader whose family he taunted when jurors spared his life.

Unless a court intervenes, Williams will die in the same prison from where he escaped in 1999.

Arkansas had scheduled eight executions over an 11-day period before one of its lethal injection drugs expires at the end of April, the most in such a compressed period since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

If Williams is put to death, the state will have carried out four of the eight it scheduled, including the nation's first double execution since 2000 on Monday night. The first of those two, Jack Jones, has stirred the most controversy after lawyers claimed there had been problems with the lethal injection.

The second execution was temporarily delayed while lawyers argued over what witnesses had seen after Jones received an injection of the sedative midazolam.

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In an emergency hearing by telephone, Jeff Rosenzweig, a lawyer for death row inmates, told a federal judge that Jones' mouth moved several times when he should have been unconscious. Jones' spiritual adviser described it as "a sort of gurgling." An observer from the state attorney general's office said it was "snoring; deep, deep sleep."

One minute after the conference call ended, U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker allowed the second execution, of Mar-

cel Williams, to proceed. He was dead 71 minutes later.

"Based upon what the court has learned from the eyewitnesses in regard to the execution, the court finds no support for a claim and an allegation that the execution appeared to be torturous and inhumane,"
Baker said in a transcript of the hearing released on Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, the Arkansas Supreme Court rejected a request to halt the execution of Kenneth Williams set from the Cummins Unitwhere the execution chamber is located in another part of the facility-less than three weeks into a life prison term for killing University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff cheerleader Dominique Hurd in 1998. At the conclusion of that trial, he had taunted the young woman's family by turning to them after the sentence was announced and saying "You thought I was going to die, didn't you?"

He hid in a 500-gallon bar-

rel of hog slop being ferried from the prison kitchen to a feeding bay, and sneaked This photo provided by Sherry Simon shows Pulaski County Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen taking part of an anti-death penalty demonstration outside the Governor's Mansion Friday, April 14, 2017 in Little Rock, Ark.

along a tree line until reaching Boren's house. He killed Boren, stole guns and Boren's truck and then drove away to Missouri. There, he crashed into a water-delivery truck, killing the driver. While in prison, he confessed to killing another person in 1998.

At the time of Boren's death, investigators said it did not appear Boren was targeted because of his former employment by the Arkansas Department of Correction.

On Wednesday a top official with the European Union—which opposes capital punishment—urged Gov. Asa Hutchinson to cancel the Thursday execution. EU Ambassador to the U.S. David O'Sullivan said the letter was "an urgent humanitarian appeal" on Williams' behalf.

### Texas poised to pass 'sanctuary city' ban with jail penalty

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas Republicans were poised Wednesday to take a big step toward banning "sanctuary cities" in their state, debating a bill through which police chiefs and sheriffs could even be jailed for not cooperating fully with federal immigration authorities.

Although Democrats don't have the votes in the Republican-controlled Legislature to stop the bill from going to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who made such a ban a priority, they vowed to fight it at every step, promising hours of emotionally charged debate on Wednesday before the Texas House votes.

Under the bill, the state could withhold funding from local governments for acting as sanctuary cities, even as the Trump administration's efforts to do so nationally have hit roadblocks. Other Republican-controlled states have pushed for similar polices in recent years, just as more liberal ones have done the opposite. But

Texas would be the first in which police chiefs and sheriffs could be jailed for not helping enforce immigration law. They could also lose their jobs.

The bill is needed to "keep the public safe and remove bad people from the street," said Rep. Charlie Geren of Fort Worth.

"The bill does not target or discriminate against illegal immigrants. This bill specifically targets criminals who happen to be here illegally," Geren said.

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Republicans want local police to help federal authorities as part of a larger effort to crack down on criminal suspects who are in the U.S. illegally.

The Texas House bill originally would have allowed local law enforcement officers to inquire about federal immigration status if someone is arrested. A version passed by the state Senate in March would also allow immigration inqui-

ries of anyone who is detained, including during traffic stops.

A tea party-backed amendment, approved 81-64 Wednesday night, applies that same standard to the House version. A Democratic effort to keep it from including children was defeated.

President Donald Trump is trying to withhold federal funding for sanctuary cities, but on Tuesday, a federal judge in California issued a preliminary injunction preventing him from doing so.

Texas doesn't currently have any sanctuary cities, but that hasn't stopped Abbott and Republican legislative leaders from pushing aggressively for a ban.

Sally Hernandez, the sheriff of Travis County, which includes liberal Austin, enraged conservatives by refusing to honor federal requests to hold suspects for possible deportation if the suspects weren't arrested for immigration offenses or serious crimes such as murder. But Hernandez softened her policy after Abbott cut funding to the county, saying decisions would be made on a case-by-case basis, and she's said she will conform to the state's ban if it becomes law.

Fierce resistance has come from Texas Democrats and immigrants' rights organizations, as well as from some in law enforcement and top business lobbies. Opponents say it opens the door to discrimination and intimidation. Many sheriffs and police chiefs in heavily Democratic areas warn that it would make their iobs harder if immigrant communities—including crime victims and witnesses-become afraid of the police.

"This is a show me your papers law. This is what every-body's afraid of," said Rep. Cesar Blanco, a Democrat from the border city of El Paso.

Though House Democrats don't have the votes to block the bill, they planned to file enough challenges to force hours of debate.

# Plan to give health care to every Californian moves forward

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California law-makers pushed forward Wednesday with a proposal that would substantially remake the health care system of the nation's most populous state by replacing insurance companies with government-funded health care for everyone.

The idea known as singlepayer health care has long been popular on the left and is getting a new look in California as President Donald Trump looks to replace former President Barack Obama's health care law.

The proposal, promoted by the state's powerful nursing union and two Democratic senators, is a longshot. But supporters hope the time is right to persuade lawmakers in California, where Democrats like to push the boundaries of liberal public policy and are eager to stand up to the Republican president.

"It is time to say once and for all that health care is a right, not a privilege for those who can afford it," said Democratic Sen. Ricardo Lara of Bell Gardens, who wrote the bill along with Democratic Sen. Toni Atkins of San Diego.

Hundreds of nurses clad in red rallied in support of the measure and marched to the state Capitol in Sacramento, packing the hallways before a Senate Health Committee hearing. They were joined by Democratic activists and supporters of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who advocated single-payer health care in his unsuccessful presidential campaign and has introduced federal legislation.

Democrats on the panel voted to advance the measure.

The measure would guarantee health coverage with no out-of-pocket costs for all California residents, including people living in the country illegally.

Private insurers would be barred from covering the same services, essentially eliminating them from the marketplace. Instead, a new state agency would set prices and contract with health care providers such as doctors and hospitals and pay the bills for everyone.

However, an essential question is unanswered: Where will the money come from? California health care expenditures last year totaled more than \$367 billion, according to the Center for Health Policy Research at University of California, Los Angeles.

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# Asia

### Rumors rife as gas restrictions in N. Korean capital drag on

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—An acute shortage of gasoline in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang that has sparked price hikes and hoarding is raising fears of potentially crippling pain at the pumps if things don't get better soon—and driving rumors that China is to blame.

The shortage, which is extremely unusual if not unprecedented, began last week when signs went up at gas stations around the city informing customers that restrictions on sales would be put in place until further notice. With no indication as of Wednesday night of when the restrictions might be lifted—or why they have been imposed—drivers continue to scramble to fill up their tanks and whatever other containers they can find.

Prices, meanwhile, have shot up. They had been fairly stable, typically at about 70-80 cents a kilogram, but on Wednesday at least one station was charging \$1.40. Gasoline is sold by the kilogram in North Korean filling stations. One kilogram is roughly equivalent to one liter, so a gallon at the station costs about \$5.30.

China supplies most of energy-poor North Korea's fuel, and in lieu of official explanations, rumors are rife that Beijing is behind the shortage. The concerns are adding to a tense and uncertain mood on the Korean Peninsula since U.S. President Donald Trump assumed office with repeated calls for Beijing—Pyongyang's economic lifeline—to get tough on North Korea, which has responded with counterclaims Washington is pushing for a nuclear war.

Though trade between North Korea and China appears to be solid, and possibly even growing, there are indications Beijing has been quietly tightening enforcement of some international sanctions aimed at getting Pyongyang to abandon its development of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles.

Limiting the oil supply has been openly discussed in Beijing as one option. Whether that is actually happening is unclear.

David von Hippel, a senior associate with the Nautilus Institute who specializes in energy and environmental issues, said supplies of crude oil and oil products would drop markedly without Chinese imports. But he stressed other factors could just as well be involved.

"The shortages and price rises being seen may be due to a combination of factors, including both actual shortages of products, more products being routed to other users specific ministries, key factories, or the military, for example—and, or, more product being placed into government storage facilities," he said in an email. "I do not have a sense, at present, of which of these options, and in what combination, is the driver for the price rises and sales restrictions."

But two days after the restrictions were announced, North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency carried an unusually acerbic, and even threatening, editorial denouncing "a country around the DPRK," an obvious if not explicit reference to China. DPRK is short for North Korea's official name—the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

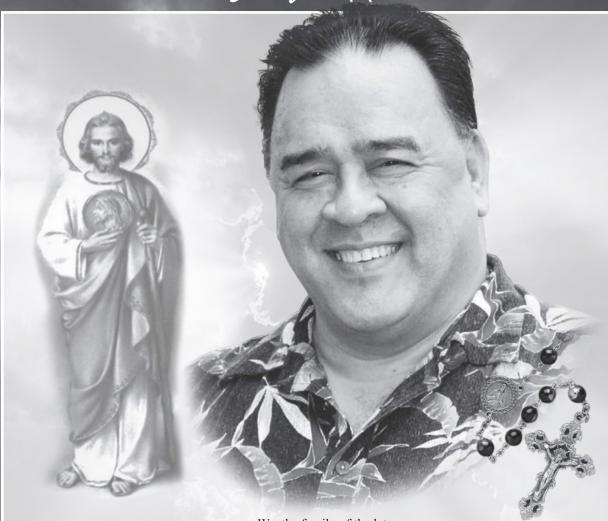
"The DPRK's nuclear deterrence for self-defense ... is by no means a bargaining chip for getting something," the commentary said, adding that if "the country" keeps

applying economic sanctions "while dancing to the tune of someone ... it may be applauded by the enemies of the DPRK but it should get itself ready to face the catastrophic consequences in the relations with the DPRK."

It is unclear whether the gas shortage has affected North Korea's military, state ministries and major projects, all of which get priority access to the state-controlled supply. But the North this month has staged a huge military parade, unveiled a sprawling high-rise residential district and on Tuesday conducted its biggest-ever live-fire air, land and sea military drill. It is also believed to be prepared to conduct what would be its sixth underground nuclear test.

Several chains of gas stations are operated under different state-run enterprises—some, for example, are operated by Air Koryo, the national flagship air-line—and prices can vary.

# Message of Appreciation



We, the family of the late

# <sup>†</sup>Richard Benavente Seman

wish to extend our sincerest and most profound gratitude to all our extended family, friends, acquaintances, businesses and the community near and far for all your love, kind words, and prayers during †Richard's passing and as we celebrated his eternal life with our good Lord. We are forever humbled and appreciative for all your support during +Richard's nightly mass, rosary and on the day of his memorial service as we gathered for prayer and laid him in his final resting place.

A Special "Thank You" to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral, Monsignor James DLG. Benavente, Reverend Father James Balajadia and all the Clergy, Saint Jude Parish, Tun Ko Palacios, Techas Dina Cabrera and Vicky Saures Fitial, Thaddeus Choir, Gus Kaipat & Olomwaay Family Choir. Si Yu'us Ma'ase Office of the Governor, Lt. Governor & Staff, Cabinet Members, Office of the Mayor & Staff (Saipan, Rota, Tinian and Northern Islands), 20th CNMI Legislature- House of Representatives and Staff, The Senate and Staff, Saipan Municipal Council, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Department of Lands & Natural Resources, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Carolinian Affairs Office, Luis Kapileo, Father Duenas Memorial School (Class of 1981), Guam Community College/Vocational High (Class of 1981), Western Pacific Fisheries Council and to those who we inadvertently missed.

We are blessed for all the compassion shown by so many of you.

A heartfelt and most grateful thank you to the Seman and Benavente family for your unconditional love, untiring support and help throughout this time.

Un Dangkulo na si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay and Thank you

Lorraine M. Seman, Children and Family

### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### Japan PM to visit Russia, Britain amid N. Korean tension

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visits Moscow on Thursday to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and pursue talks on joint economic projects aimed at a possible breakthrough in their decadesold island dispute. Japanese officials said Wednesday that North Korea is also likely to be discussed given the timing of Abe's trip, though the leaders' approaches remain different. Japan recently held talks with key allies the U.S., South Korea and Australia, agreeing that China and Russia are crucial in pressuring North Korea to end its nuclear and missile programs. While China is seen as more cooperative, U.S.-Russia ties have deteriorated over Syria. Japan and Russia both claim four islands north of Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido which came under Russian control at the end of World War II. They remain at odds over the territorial dispute, but are now discussing joint development of fisheries, tourism and other areas that might help bridge the gap. Abe is to visit Britain next for talks with Prime Minister Theresa May. Defense cooperation, trade and Britain's exit from the European Union are among key issues to be discussed.

# IS group, Taliban clash in Afghanistan,

dozens killed KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan officials say Islamic State militants have attacked the Taliban in the northern Jawzjan province, igniting heavy clashes in which dozens of fighters were killed. Mohammad Reza Ghafori, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said Wednesday that the fighting, which began the day before, has killed 76 Taliban fighters and 15 from the IS affiliate. He says the IS militants seized two districts from the Taliban. The Taliban and IS are both fighting to overthrow Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government and impose a harsh version of Islamic rule, but they are bitterly split over leadership and tactics. The IS affiliate is largely made up of disgruntled former Taliban fighters. Abdul Hafiz Khashyee, a police official, says the fighting took place in a remote area and there were no reports of civilian casualties.

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### World

# Le Pen upstages Macron in battle for blue-collar votes

AMIENS, France (AP)—Farright presidential candidate Marine Le Pen turned an appliance factory into a battleground Wednesday for France's bluecollar vote, upstaging rival Emmanuel Macron with a surprise campaign stop at the plant threatened with closure.

Chaotic scenes followed as Macron, a pro-European Union centrist, sought to wrestle back the initiative by making his own, impromptu stop at the Whirlpool clothes-dryer plant in Amiens, spending over an hour in Le Pen's wake trying to reason with angry employees who asked why the former finance minister hadn't come there earlier.

The remarkable drama, broadcast live on French news channels, transformed the plant in northern France into a symbol of the diametrically opposed campaigns of Le Pen and Macron before their May 7 runoff election.

As Macron met elsewhere with the workers' union leaders, Le Pen displayed her political guile by grabbing the spotlight and popping up outside the factory itself.



Surrounded by employees in bright-yellow hazard vests, she declared herself the workers' candidate and vowed that if elected, she would not let the factory close.

"We'll get you out of here," Le Pen said as she hugged a woman in the crowd outside the plant, its fences decorated with workers' banners. "I am the candidate of workers, the candidate of the French who don't want their jobs taken away."

Her wily campaign maneuver stole Macron's thunder

and put him on the defensive. It prompted him to make his own trip to the factory a few hours later-which quickly looked like he had fallen into a trap set by Le Pen. Live TV coverage of his visit looked chaotic and potentially damaging, with people whistling, booing and chanting "Marine, president!" in the background.

"Why didn't you come before?" one woman asked.

"Save our jobs, Monsieur Macron!" yelled a man.

But Macron, appearing in

a suit and tie amid the workers, held his ground. Where Le Pen's visit was short—with a few selfies, hugs, kisses and a quick speech to the cameras-Macron spent over an hour patiently, and at times passionately, explaining in Far-right French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen, left, is greeted by workers outside a whirlpool home appliance factory in Amiens, France, Wednesday April 26, 2017.

often-heated exchanges that as president, he wouldn't be able to stop companies from laying off workers. The back and forth was shown live on Macron's Facebook page, signaling a desire not to let Le Pen hog the limelight.

"I won't lie to you," he said. "There is no miracle recipe."

The contrasting images of Le Pen smiling with workers and Macron debating them spoke to her political experience and laid bare their contrasting styles.

The 48-year-old populist is fighting her second presidential campaign after com-

ing in third in 2012, while the 39-year-old former investment banker is waging his first, having never held elected office.

Le Pen hit Macron close to home with her politicking: He was born in Amiens.

Needing millions more votes to beat Macron in the runoff, Le Pen hammered home her arguments that more French jobs would be lost abroad under Macron's more economically liberal program.

"I'm here, in my place, exactly where I should be, in the midst of Whirlpool's employees, these employees who are resisting this wild globalization, this shameful economic model," Le Pen said.

In a dig at Macron's meeting with union leaders, she added: "I'm not eating little cakes with a few representatives who, in reality, represent only themselves."

### Mexico's ruling party, others caught in old tricks

MEXICO CITY (AP)— The scene was so typical of Mexico's long-dominant ruling party that it could have happened a half century ago: poor women lined up under a blazing sun, waiting for a politician to show up hours late for a rally they had been obliged to attend under threat of losing benefits from an anti-poverty program.

But unlike a half-century ago, there were a couple of independent media outlets interviewing the women, who were hot, tired and outraged that a government program would be used for political purposes.

The venting ended abruptly when Institutional Revolutionary Party workers arrived to kick out the reporters and tell the women to stop talking. Bruisers took a cameraman's equipment and physically ejected him from the stadium where the event was being held, threatening to "disappear" him and other journal-

"When they took us into the (stadium's) bathroom, they said 'you're going to die.' That's when I really got scared," said David Morales, director of the internet news service Chiapas Without Censorship, describing interviewing women at a rally in Tuxtla Gutierrez for PRI Sen. Roberto Albores Gleason over the

Such threats are terrifying in rural Mexico, where dozens of journalists have been killed in recent years. And they reflect what many perceive as a return to its corrupt, old practices by the ruling PRI, as it fights for its life in June gubernatorial elections in some of its last bastions-Mexico State and the northern state of Coahuila.

The PRI ruled Mexico for 71 years, despite accusations of stolen or bought elections, before being ousted in 2000 voting. When it returned to power in 2012 under President Enrique Pena Nieto, its leaders couldn't stop talking about how their party had changed.

### In loving memory of †KEVIN TAIMANAO ATALIG "Lachachai" May 20, 1969 - April 21, 2017 Parents: †Domingo Q. & †Maria T. Atalig Son: †Dravin Joe K. Atalig Parent's in-law: †Jose & †Maria T. King Siblings: †James T. Atalig, †Anthony T. Atalig, †Patricia T. Atalig, †Harvey T. Atalig, †Roylee T. Atalig Sibling's in-law: †Jose T. King and †Maria K. Chaco His memories will forever live in the hearts of his: Wife: Sandra K. Atalig and his children, Kevin T. & Sirena Atalig (Dravin Joe/Liam Thomas), Nature K. Atalig & Joreena C. Manglona (Kieandra/Domidro Jose), Maria K. Atalig, Mareena Rita K. Atalig

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Kevin will be greatly missed by his numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and friends.

Nightly rosary is being said at San Isidro Church at 6:30pm.

On Friday, April 28, 2017, his remains will leave the Divine Mercy Chapel at 6 o'clock in the evening. Wake service and rosary will be said at 7 o'clock in the evening at the residence of the late †Kevin T. Atalig, Sinapalo I.

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9 o'clock a.m at San Fransicso De Borja Church... Interment will follow immediately at San Jose Cemetery.

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers.

The FAMILY

### Pope warns powerful to act humbly or risk ruin in TED talk

VATICAN CITY (AP)— Pope Francis is warning the powerful to act humbly or risk ruin, using the first-ever papal TED talk to urge the world to show more solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Francis delivered a videotaped talk to a TED confer-Future You." TED, short for Technology, Entertainment and Design, organizes conferences around world aiming to spread ideas through short talks.

The Vatican released the video Wednesday. In it, Francis outlined his vision of the interconnectedness of humanity, saying that with age he has grown increasingly convinced that "none of us is an island."

"Please allow me to say it loud and clear: The more

powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more you are called to be humble," he said. "If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin others."

He cited a saying from his native Argentina about the ence in Vancouver on "The effects of drinking gin on an empty stomach: "You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you if you don't connect your power with humility and tenderness."

> Francis pleaded for greater solidarity in political, economic and scientific endeavors.

"How wonderful would it be, while we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters orbiting around us," he said. "How wonderful would it be if solidarity—this beautiful and sometimes inconvenient word—were not simply reduced to social work and became instead the default attitude in political, economic and scientific choices."

Francis' participation in the TED conference marked a new era for the Vatican's communications operation, which has increasingly sought to get the pope's message out via social media and nontraditional news sources.

The reaction in Rome was positive.

"These days, communications and the Ted Talks are very powerful," Bob Livingstone, a tourist from Brisbane, Australia said after Francis' Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square. "Every politician does (it) and he is a politician for the church."

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# Life & Style

# Cosby, daughter, lawyer speak out as sex assault trial looms

PHILADELPHIA (AP—Bill Cosby and his delegates are speaking out in select media interviews Wednesday, a month before jury selection starts in his Pennsylvania sex assault trial.

Cosby tells a black news service that he is working on new material and hopes to resume his entertainment career.

"I think about walking out on stage somewhere in the United States of America and sitting down in a chair and giving the performance that will be the beginning of the next chapter of my career," Cosby said in what his publicist described as an email exchange with the National Newspaper Publishers Association that began several months ago.

"I miss it all and I hope that day will come. I have some routines and storytelling that I am working on," Cosby said.

Cosby, 79, also told the outlet that he lost his vision suddenly two years ago, calling out one morning to his wife, "I can't see." He did not elaborate on the cause of the disability, and publicist Andrew Wyatt declined to discuss the actor's diagnosis or medical history.

Lawyers have told the trial judge that Cosby is legally blind, making it impossible to even identify women who said he sexually assaulted them over the past 50 years. The trial involves one accuser, former Temple University employee Andrea Constand, who said she was drugged and sexually assaulted in 2004 at Cosby's home.

Jury selection is set to start May 22 in Pittsburgh, where the jury is being chosen because of pretrial publicity.



The jury will then be sequestered about 300 miles away in Montgomery County, near Philadelphia, where the trial is

set to start June 5. Lawyers expect it to last about two weeks.

Cosby's youngest daughter, Evin, released a letter

Wednesday to several news outlets, describing her father as a man who "loves and respects women."

In this April 3, 2017, file photo, Bill Cosby departs after a pretrial hearing in his sexual assault case at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

"We live in a scandalous country where the more sexualized and provocative the story, the more attention it gets," she wrote. "If enough people think you are a bad person, you are branded a bad person and the media just reinforces that. My dad, like anyone in this country, deserves to be treated fairly under the law."

Wyatt said the surprise public statements are not part of any broader pretrial media strategy.

"I am not trying to influence a jury pool," Wyatt told The Associated Press. "She felt the need to speak up on her dad's behalf."

One of Cosby's lead lawyers also spoke to the media for a story Wednesday. Los Angeles lawyer Angela Agrusa told The Hollywood Reporter the defense hopes to attack the reliability of witnesses' memories, given the 13-year gap since the encounter took place. The defense has previously tried, unsuccessfully, to have the charges dismissed based on expert studies that cast doubt on the accuracy of witness memory. She also said lawyers hope to mount a comeback story and "rehabilitate his reputation."

In addition to Constand, one other accuser will be allowed to testify at the upcoming trial, a woman who worked for Cosby's agent at the William Morris Agency and says Cosby drugged and molested her in 1996.

### ESPN laying off 100 broadcasters, writers as viewers dwindle

**NEW YORK** (AP)—ESPN even bigger round of layoffs is laying off about 100 emplovees, including former athletes-turned-broadcasters Trent Dilfer, Len Elmore and Danny Kanell, in a purge designed to focus the sports network on a more digital future.

The cuts will trim ESPN's stable of on-air talent and writers by about 10 percent.

The 37-year-old network has been squeezed by rising fees to broadcast live events at the same time hordes of cord-cutting TV viewers have been canceling their ESPN subscriptions. ESPN has lost about 10 million subscribers during the past six years, based on estimates by Nielsen Media Research.

The downturn prompted an

affecting about 300 workers in 2015, but on-air talent was mostly spared from those

ESPN chief John Skipper said Wednesday the company wants to provide distinctive content all the time on multiple screens, with personality-oriented "SportsCenter" broadcasts, and is keeping people best suited to the new strategy.

ESPN isn't saying who has been fired. Many are releasing the news on social media, including Dilfer, NFL reporter Ed Werder, baseball reporter Jayson Stark and college basketball reporter Dana

Former morning host Jay

Crawford, football columnist Jane McManus, ESPNU host Brendan Fitzgerald, hockey reporter Pierre LeBrun, soccer reporter Mike Goodman, baseball analyst Jim Bowden and baseball reporter Mark Saxon were among the others to announce their departures.

"Our goal continues to be to maximize our unparalleled scale in every medium with storytelling that stands out and makes a difference," Skipper said in a memo to employees. "We are wellequipped to thrive going forward by embracing those themes.'

ESPN's recent troubles have become a drag on the profits of its parent, The Walt Disney Co.



In this Sept. 19, 2016, file photo, Trent Dilfer talks during ESPN's "Monday Night Countdown" before an NFL football game between the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles, in Chicago

### Teen struggles after heroin addiction claims dad's life

EAR ABBY: I'm 15. I lost my dad two months ago. found him when I got out of the shower. He had overdosed on heroin. Heroin controlled Dad's life ever since I was little, but that never stopped me from being me. My family has had it pretty rough, but that never stopped me from being

I can't process the thought of losing my dad completely. I'm scared without him. The mental picture comes back to me randomly throughout the day. I can't take it anymore. I know he's at peace now, but I still feel like it's my fault that he's dead because I took a shower and wasn't with him. I feel like it should have been me, not him. He had just gotten out of jail a month before he died.

I can't keep crying myself to sleep. I need a way to cope and right now I feel like I'm at rock bottom and can't return. I just want to be normal like the kids I go to school with. Why can't I be a normal teen?

ROCK BOTTOM TEEN

DEAR ROCK BOTTOM: I am so sorry for what you have been going through. You ARE a normal teen, and in

my opinion, you are much more resilient than you think you are.

You have had a terrible shock, and in addition to the normal grieving process, you may be suffering from survivor guilt. Your father did NOT die because vou took a shower. He died because he had a heroin addiction he couldn't conquer.

It is very important that you talk with a grief counselor and possibly join a grief support group. If your family can't arrange counseling for you, please talk with a school counselor or your clergyperson. There is a light at the end of this dark tunnel, and you'll start seeing it once you get some professional help.

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been reading your column for years, but never thought I'd have to write to you. This year my aunt hosted a family dinner and did a wonderful job -- everything was delicious. There was only one problem. She was upset (everyone at the table could see it and feel the tension) because I ate "too much" meat and she didn't have enough for leftovers.

I did eat more than everyone else that night (doesn't happen often), but I say if the food is on the table, it's fair game. If you don't want people to eat it, don't serve it. I'm asking for an of-

### DEAR ABBY

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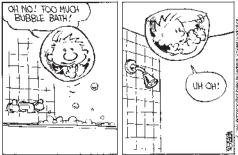
**DEAR OVERATE:** A gracious host or hostess should not become upset if a guest eats the food that's presented. If the host or hostess doesn't want guests to polish off everything that has been prepared, the food should be plated in advance.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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### **Pastimes**

### Calvin and Hobbes





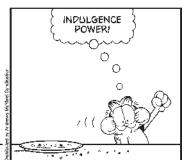


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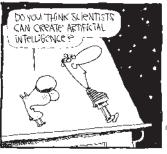
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Happy Birthday: Use your insight and ability to detect how others will respond to your advances. Don't hold back or give in to anyone who tries to take over or push you in a direction that will hurt your chances of advancement. Your dedication and hard work will lead to success and put those who oppose you at arm's length. Your numbers are 4, 10, 14, 23, 33, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep original ideas to yourself until you have had a chance to flush out any flaws. Someone

you respect will give you valuable information that can shape the way you move forward personally. OOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Getting along with your peers, family and partners will be necessary if you want things to run smoothly. Choose your words wisely and be sure to include everyone in your plans. Diplomacy will

go a long way when dealing with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look over financial papers and prepare your taxes or other government documents carefully. Not disclosing information will lead to problems that could make it difficult for you to move forward. Having a clear conscience will ease your stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A partnership can take on a double meaning. Personal and professional gains can be made if you get involved with the right people. Keep

your thoughts and feelings out in the open to avoid giving anyone a false impression.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your emotions under control when doing business with someone who may not see things your way. Use your intelligence, experience and knowledge to handle whatever situation you face to bring about positive results. Practice what you preach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business trips, educational pursuits and networking will help you advance your objectives. Take time to nurture a relationship you have with someone special. Sharing your feelings, intentions and concerns will help you move forward. Romance is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A joint venture will help you get ahead. Collaborate with someone who has the skills you lack, and vice versa, and it will help keep the momentum flowing. Take an interest in physical activity that promotes better stamina and health. ���

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Personal gains can be model: improve your health, physical appearance and your relationships with others. Your unique way of doing things should be viewed as a plus, not a negative, by those you associate with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional confusion will set in if you let someone guilt you into something you

really don't care to do. Make decisions that will bring you the most in return. Keep demanding people at a distance and pursue your goals. ••• **EUGENIA** 

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A choices you make will help you avoid encounters with individuals who may cause you grief, concern or other complications. Look out for your own interests and well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone from your past will tempt you to get involved in something that can influence your financial standing. Joint ventures will not be to your advantage and should not be considered. Do your own thing and be secretive about what

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By Dave Green

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

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#### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This is to give notice to the public that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana (CNMI) Public School System (PSS) has decided to proceed with the Insular ABCs Initiative to improve the condition of PSS schools, including repairs and improvements at seven schools located within the floodplain, because there is no practicable alternative to the proposed action. Federal funding for these repairs and improvements would be funded from the U.S. Department of the Interior - Office of Insular Affairs. The general scope of work involves repair or replacement of failing or missing components of existing buildings, and repair, replacement, or improvements to school grounds and associated infrastructure (including ground disturbing activities). The proposed projects would be confined to existing school property, and would not increase the capacity of the schools or significantly alter the character or use of the schools. Seven PSS schools are located within the 1% annual-chance event floodplain.

The affected schools include:

- Saipan: G.T. Camacho Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, Oleai Elementary School, and San Antonio Middle School
- Rota Junior High School and Rota High School

PSS conducted an evaluation to determine whether the repair and improvements projects would affect or be affected by the floodplain, and if there were any practicable alternatives to the proposed action. The evaluation identified the following alternatives: 1) no action; 2) conduct repair and improvement projects only on schools located outside of the floodplain; and 3) relocate schools outside of the floodplain. However, all of these alternatives were eliminated from consideration because they were not prudent and/or reasonably practicable. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

The proposed deferred maintenance repairs and improvement projects: (1) would be limited to repair and in-kind replacement work at existing buildings; (2) would exclude development on any new sites or construction of new buildings; (3) would not change or alter basic land use(s) or increase capacity; (4) would be confined within existing buildings and school grounds; and (5) would include localized (4) would be commed within examing buildings and school grounds; and cy would included distinguished and localized floating disting providing and localized floating impacting school buildings (i.e., not exacerbate flood risk at the schools or adjacent properties). No significant impacts to the floodplain or wetlands are expected. The proposed projects would be submitted for review and approval for all necessary permits, and would comply with applicable flood regulations and design requirements. To minimize any potential construction period impacts associated with erosion or pollutant discharge from repair and improvement projects, storm water management and erosion mitigation plans would be implemented as required to ensure that the proposed projects would not contribute to erosion or the transmission of pollutants to CNMI or Federal waters. Therefore, PSS has decided to proceed with implementing the Insular ABCs to improve the

Written comments regarding this determination should be sent to: Ms. Rachel Fusco, CIP Program Coordinator, Attention Mr. Rodney Brickey, CNMI Public School System, PO BOX 501370, Saipan, MP 96950. Written comments should be received at the above address within publication of this notice.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

**Robert Tenorio Torres** 

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Bank of Guam Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO.: <u>14-0151</u> NOTICE OF AUCTION

VINCENT M. CALVO and SALOMAE H. CALVO, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 5th day of December, 2016, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed n the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 8th day of May, 2017 at 10 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Parcel One Lot No. 006 R 05 (formerly know as Block 12, Lot 1) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 006 R 00 the original of which was recorded 12 NOV 71 a: Document No. 1293 at Land Registry, Saipan.

described in said judgment, to wit:

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# Judge, Severino carry Yankees past Red Sox



BOSTON (AP)—Luis

lowed three hits in seven innings of shutout ball and Aaron Judge celebrated his 25th birthday with a two-run homer and spectacular catch, carrying the surging New York Yankees to a 3-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night in the longtime rivals' first meeting this season.

It was the 11th win in 14 games for the Yankees after they opened the season 1-4.

Severino (2-1) struck out six and walked two, posting his third straight strong start. Dellin Betances worked a perfect eighth and Aroldis Chapman got three outs for his fifth save despite giving up a run.

AL Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello (1-3) lost his third straight start, giving up three runs—two earned—in 6 2/3 innings. He didn't lose consecutive starts last season.

#### Pirates 6, Cubs 5

In Pittsburgh, Gift Ngoepe, the first player from Africa to reach the major leagues, singled in his first plate appearance and Josh Harrison hit a leadoff homer to lead Pittsburgh past Chicago.

Ngoepe was recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis and entered in the fourth inning as part of a double switch. He finished 1 for 2 with a walk. The 27-year-old South African, who signed with the Pirates in 2008, led off the fourth with a hit off Cubs ace Jon Lester (0-1). The left-hander was tagged for six runs—five earned and 10 hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Josh Bell also homered off Lester.

### Mariners 8, Tigers O

In Detroit, James Paxton struck out nine in seven outstanding innings, and Nelson Cruz and Guillermo Heredia homered to lift Seattle over Detroit.

Paxton (3-0) allowed four hits and a walk in a dominant performance against a Tigers team that had scored 32 runs over its previous two games. It was just what the Mariners needed after losing 19-9 on Tuesday and putting righthander Felix Hernandez on the disabled list before Wednesday's game.

Paxton has held the opposition scoreless in four of his five starts this season. He lowered his ERA to 1.39.

#### **Brewers 9, Reds 4**

In Milwaukee, Eric Thames scored twice before leaving with an injury and Orlando Arcia homered and had three RBI to help Milwaukee beat Cincinnati for a

Severino al-



three-game sweep.

Ryan Braun had a two-run double and a single off Reds starter Rookie Davis (0-1). Jett Bandy had three hits and two RBI as the Brewers improved to 6-1 against the Reds this

Wily Peralta (4-1) went five-plus innings for the win, allowing four runs and eight hits.

Thames, who leads the majors with 11 homers, appeared to be favoring his left hamstring as he stretched before the Reds batted in the eighth.

### White Sox 5, Royals 2

In Chicago, Avisail Garcia and Leury Garcia homered to back run-starved starter Jose Quintana, and Chicago defeated Kansas City to complete a three-game sweep.

Chicago won its fourth straight, while Kansas City dropped every game on a seven-game trip.

Quintana (1-4) got the offensive support he needed after receiving only four runs in his first four starts combined. The left-hander had a seasonhigh 10 strikeouts in six innings. He allowed five hits and two runs-one earned.

### **Indians 7, Astros 6**

In Cleveland, Michael Brantley drove in three runs as Cleveland topped Houston.

Brantley, who played in

only 11 games last season after having two operations on his left shoulder, had an RBI double in a three-run first inning and added a two-run single in the fifth.

Carlos Santana had a tworun double in the sixth for the Indians, who have won six of eight.

Trevor Bauer (2-2) allowed four runs in six innings and won his second straight start despite giving up two-run homers to Evan Gattis and Brian McCann.

#### Nationals 11, **Rockies 4**

In Denver, Trea Turner nearly hit for the cycle for a second straight night, finishing a triple shy, and Bryce Harper had four more hits to raise his batting average to .432 as Washington routed Colorado.

Turner lined one of three Washington homers, with Ryan Zimmerman and Daniel Murphy also going deep, to help the Nationals improve to 8-1 on their 10-game trip.

Tanner Roark (3-0) worked his way out of several jams and threw five solid innings.

Never quite settling in on a cool night, Tyler Chatwood (2-3) gave up five runs in five innings.

### Phillies 7, Marlins 4

In Philadelphia, Maikel Franco hit his second grand slam of the month, helping Philadelphia beat Miami for its fifth straight win.

Franco connected off Wei-Yen Chen (2-1) in the third inning for a 4-2 lead. Freddy Galvis hit a solo shot for the Phillies, and Michael Saunders added a two-run homer in the eighth.

Vince Velasquez (1-2) went 6 1/3 innings for his first win since last July and lowered his ERA to 6.33.

Martin Prado homered for the Marlins.

### Braves 8, Mets 2

In New York, Julio Teheran stifled the Mets into the seventh inning, Robert Gsellman staggered through a five-run first and Atlanta handed New York its fifth straight loss.

The Braves ended a sixgame skid behind 6 1/3 innings of two-run ball from Teheran (2-1). The right-hander allowed four hits, four walks and a pair of sacrifice flies while striking out four. He is 4-0 with a 0.91 ERA in his last seven starts against New York dating to June 21, 2015.

The ailing Mets got Yoenis Cespedes and Travis d'Arnaud back in the lineup but still dropped their ninth in 10 games.

### Orioles 5, Rays 4, 11 innings

In Baltimore, Seth Smith drew

a bases-loaded walk from Danny Farquhar to force in the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning, and Baltimore rallied to beat Tampa Bay.

After the Rays scored a run in the top of the 11th, the Orioles answered against closer Alex Colome (0-1). Two singles and a walk loaded the bases for Jonathan Schoop, who hit a sacrifice fly. Ryan Flaherty walked to reload the bases, and Farquhar entered and issued a four-pitch walk to end a game that took 4 hours, 8 minutes.

### Rangers 14, Twins 3

In Arlington, Joey Gallo scored the tiebreaking run on a painful trip around the bases, Ryan Rua hit a grand slam and Texas avoided a series sweep by breaking it open late against Minnesota.

Rua's first career slam came in the eighth inning and Shin-Soo Choo, who had already tripled in the inning, added a three-run homer to cap the eight-run outburst.

Cole Hamels (2-0) allowed three runs over 6 2/3 innings. Gallo was hit by a pitch leading off the sixth against

Taylor Rogers (1-1).

### Giants 4, Dodgers 3, **10 innings**

In San Francisco, Hunter Pence hit a game-winning sacrifice fly with the bases loaded New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino delivers to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Boston.

in the 10th inning and San Francisco rallied to beat Los Angeles.

Christian Arroyo and pinchhitter Michael Morse homered for the Giants (8-14), who avoided matching their worst start in San Francisco after 22 games. The Giants didn't get their first hit until the sixth inning and trailed 3-0 in the seventh before rallying to stun their division rivals.

Gorkys Hernandez singled off reliever Ross Stripling (0-2) to open the 10th. After Hernandez stole second, Conor Gillaspie walked. Pinch-hitter Nick Hundley sacrificed and Hernandez beat first baseman Adrian Gonzalez's throw to third, loading the bases for Pence.

#### Padres 8. Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Ryan Schimpf hit a go-ahead, three-run homer with one out in the top of the ninth inning to rally San Diego past Arizona.

Schimpf, who entered in a double switch with San Diego down 5-3 in the sixth, began the day batting .102. In his second at-bat of the night, he took closer Fernando Rodney (1-1) into the right-field seats to give the Padres a 6-5 lead.

Yangervis Solarte added a two-run double later in the inning, and San Diego ended a four-game losing streak.

Hunter Renfroe and Erick Aybar also homered for the Padres. Ryan Buchter (1-0) won in relief and Brandon Maurer got his fourth save.

The crowd of 12,215 was the smallest for a regular-season Diamondbacks game at Chase Field.

### Angels 8, Athletics 5

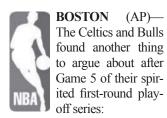
In Anaheim, Matt Shoemaker pitched Los Angeles past Oakland for his first win since having brain surgery after being struck in the head by a line drive last September.

Shoemaker (1-1) went five innings in his fifth start of the year. Bud Norris pitched a scoreless ninth for his third save.

Yonder Alonso and Matt Joyce homered for the Athlet-

Sean Manea (1-2) got through just two innings, allowing three runs before his night ended because of left shoulder tightness. Manea retired the first three batters he faced, then allowed three runs on four hits in the second.

# Celtics beat Bulls to take 3-2 lead in series



Was Avery Bradley more impressive on offense, or on defense?

"Everyone knows he's a good defender. Tonight, he got his offensive game going," Chicago's Dwyane Wade said after Bradley scored 24 points to lead Boston to a 108-97 victory and a 3-2 lead in the bestof-seven series.

"You expect him to do what he does defensively, but we gave up 24 points to him tonight. He hurt us offensively tonight more than anything."

Isaiah Thomas also scored 24 for the Celtics, the top seed in the East. After the road team won each of the first four games, the Celtics won at home in Game 5 to earn a chance to eliminate the Bulls on Friday night in Chicago. A Bulls victory would force the series back to Boston for a decisive Game 7 on Sunday.

Al Horford had 21 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Celtics. Bradley's 24 points were a career playoff high, but after watching him hold Bulls star Jimmy Butler to 14 points—and just one foul shot -- Celtics coach Brad Stevens praised Bradley's defense.

"Jimmy Butler's a hard guy to guard. Dwyane Wade's a hard guy to guard. You're not going to stop those guys, but you just try to make it as hard as possible," Stevens said. "Avery ... has done a really good job."

Butler, who shot 23 free throws in Game 4 and made 19, was 0 for 1 on Wednesday.

"I was trying to eliminate



Boston Celtics guard Avery Bradley (0) lines up a dunk over Chicago Bulls forward Jimmy Butler (21) during the fourth quarter of a first-round NBA playoff basketball game in Boston, Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Bradley scored 24 as the Celtics defeated the Bulls, 108-97.

letting Jimmy Butler get to the free throw line. That was my goal this game, and I feel like I did it," Bradley said.

Wade had 26 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. But Wade and Robin Lopez were called for technical fouls 32 seconds apart with just under five minutes left, helping the Celtics to a 20-5 run that turned an 84-84 game into a 15-point Boston lead.

### Wizards 103, Hawks 99

In Washington, John Wall figured the credit went to the down-the-stretch defense displayed by his Washington Wizards.

Neither Dennis Schroder nor coach Mike Budenholzer found any flaws with the way their Atlanta Hawks handled things late.

Either way, the odd manner in which Atlanta seemed to allow the final half-minute or so to slip away while trailing—not fouling Washington to try to extend things; passing around the ball, instead of shooting it, as the clock headed toward zero— left the Wizards on the verge of closing out the teams' Eastern Conference first-round

playoff series.

Back at home, and back in charge, Bradley Beal scored 27 points, and Wall added 20 points and 14 assists, leading Washington to a 103-99 victory in Game 5 on Wednesday night for a 3-2 series lead.

"I thought they were going to play the foul game-or at least try to trap. But they let us run the clock down," Wall said, noting that he felt as if he and his teammates finished "with the best scrambling defense we had."

Schroder led the Hawks with 29 points, making a career high-tying five 3s, and 11 assists. But after his basket from beyond the arc pulled Atlanta within 101-99 with 70 seconds left, Wall responded with a 21-foot pull-up jumper. Neither team would score the rest of the way.

"It was right there," Schroder said. "We've just got to be better in crunch time."

A miss followed from Paul Millsap, who had 21 points and 11 rebounds, but after Wall's jumper was off the mark, the Hawks never managed to put the ball in the basket -- including sort of fiddling around as if they didn't realize they were trailing by four.

"We tried to get a clean look," Tim Hardaway Jr. said, "but they just did a good job of ... making it tough on us."

Budenholzer's take?

"I'm not, off the top of my head, frustrated with what we got offensively," he said.

The host has won every game in this series so far.

Washington can reach the conference semifinals by winning Game 6 at Atlanta on Friday night.

### LeBron not slowing as playoff minutes increase

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio when he sits or doesn't. At (AP)—Except for his backpedaling hairline, LeBron James shows no visible signs

At 32, still in his prime, and still at the top of his game, he's defying time.

"Benjamin Button," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue called him, referring to the fictional character who ages backward.

LeBenjamin?

Following a regular season in which he averaged more minutes per game (37.8) than any player, James logged 43.7 per game during Cleveland's tougher-than-it-looked sweep over the Indiana Pacers in the first round of the playoffs. And as James and the defending champions await either Toronto or Milwaukee in the second round, James is taking advantage of the down time.

Not that he might need it. Lue spent much of the season defending his use of James, who in all honesty is really the one in control of

this point, Lue has given up worrying about resting the superstar.

"I don't understand why people make a big deal out of his minutes," Lue said Wednesday. "He had a week off before the series started. We won four straight games and then he had a week off again. So next he might play 48 minutes. ... Bron today just said he feels worse when he doesn't play."

James wasn't available for interviews as the team gathered for the first time in two days at Cleveland Clinic Courts, and it's likely that he won't speak to the media until the Cavs have a secondround opponent.

But as has been the case for months, James' playing time was one of the prime topics presented to Lue, who believes that the four-time MVP's heavy workload during the regular season is what enables him to play at such high levels in the postseason.





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# Camacho keeps Seniors batting, pitching lead

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The Enforcers' Tyrese Camacho is still ahead in the batting and pitching races in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball.

His .459 average bested 15 others who made it to the batting leaderboard. The Enforcers ace went 17-for-37 at bat to take the top spot. Camacho and the second-running Dominic Yumul of the Blue Jays are the only two batters to average at least .400 as the former went 11-for-27 for a .407 clip.

The Falcons' Spencer Dickinson (.392/11-for-28) and Camacho's teammates' Jode Reyes (.366/11-for-30) and Dennis Cabrera (.361/13-for-36) rounded out the Top 5.

Completing the list, which was based on 21 or more times at bat as of April 9, are the Falcons' Henry Aguon (.333), the Enforcers' Jose Camacho (.333), Pedro Maratita (.333), and Larson Sibetang (.321), the Falcons' Tindin Deleon Guerrero (.312), the Enforcers' Shakobe Rangamar (.297), and the Falcons' Arby Yaguel (.280),

Ace Evangelista (.266), Kobe Lifoifoi (.250), Noel Cabrera (.240), and Kimo Angailen (.233).

> In the pitching contest, Tyrese Camacho's 0. 45 ERA put him in the lead against four others. The Enforcers pitcher yielded only

two runs in the 31 innings he pitched to pace Dickinson, who gave up one run in the 13 innings he worked the mound for a 0.53 ERA. Rangamar is ranked third (1.00 ERA) followed by the Blue Jays' Sho Taguchi (1.10) and the Falcons' Jester Kintaro (1.10).

Camacho, as expected, also has the most strikeouts with 44, way ahead of the 34 and 25 of Rangamar and Kintaro. The Enforcers pitcher is also on top of two more categories-RBIs (8) and runs (11). He is in a three-way tie for the most RBIs with Rangamar and Dickinson, who matched Camacho's 11 runs. Dickinson is also in a deadlock with Rangamar for the doubles (3) and triples (2) made, while Angailen is ahead in the home run category with his two homers against the one of Aguon and Trion Sulap.



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The Enforcers' Tyrese Camacho gets ready to pitch against the Blue Jays during their second round game in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

### 11 teams compete in FA Boys and Girls Cup



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Eleven teams will vie for the title in the FA Boys and Girls Cup 2017 that will be played tomorrow at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

TanHoldings Co-ed U12A, Shirley's Football Club Girls U15, MP United Co-ed U12A, and Kanoa Girls U15 are among the squads entered in the weekend tournament and they automatically moved into the second round of the singleelimination competition after finishing in the Top 2 in their

respective divisions in the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League.

Joining the four seeded teams are Matansa Girls U15, MP United Girls U15, Tan-Holdings Girls U15, Kanoa-2 Co-ed U12, Paire Girls U15, Kanoa-1 Co-Ed U12, and Southern United Girls U15. Matansa Girls U15 and MP United Girls U15 will collide in the set of first round matches ta 8pm at Pitch 1, while over at Pitch 2, it will be Kanoa-2 versus TanHoldings Girls U15. In the 9am tiff, Paire Girls U15 will go up against Kanoa-1 U12 at Pitch 1, while Southern United drew a bye in the opening round and will face Kanoa Girls U15 in the second.

Preliminary matches will be played in the morning and the last two teams left standing will duel for the Cup at 3pm. A consolation match between the losers in the semifinals will take place at 2pm.

Meanwhile, the boys U14 games in the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League were completed last Saturday.

Kanoa and Paire played in the first match, which ended in a draw, 2-2. Dylan Mister knocked in the pair of goals

Girls Cup 2017. for Paire, while Ian Karl Maniago and Ian Lubao scored for Kanoa

TanHoldings and Kanoa FC players run after the ball during their girls U15 game in the NMIFA youth spring league at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field early this month. Both teams will be playing in tomorrow's FA Boys and

Kanoa also played its makeup match against MP United last weekend and stunned the eventual champion, 2-1. Maniago also hit the board for Kanoa in their last game of the season, while David Kim made the other goal. Rintaro Miyawaki avoided a shutout for MP United with his goal in the second half.

In other results, division second placer TanHoldings hammered Paire, 8-0. Taka Borja drilled four goals in TanHoldings rout of Paire, while Oliver Fajardo chipped in two and Richard Waldo and Kohtaro Goto added one apiece.

Matansa also earned a lopsided victory against Shirley's in their final game in the division, 5-0. Lolobeyong Benito had two goals for Matansa, which drew one each from Albert Elauria, Razeff Altamirano, and Justin Charles Achas.

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rankings list. Kang was awarded 3,750 ranking points to beat the 2,550 of Gregoire, the 2,325 of Chung, and the 2,225 of Kwon. Ferrer, on the other hand, posted 3,875 to prevail against fellow North Pacific Regional Championshipbound Camacho (3,100), Kim (2,100), and Elliot (2,100). Elliot earned the last spot on the group after pulling off an upset over Ferrer in the CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last week.

The mix of returnees and newcomers on the CNMI Junior Tennis Team will have a tough task ahead in the tournament in Guam as they will be pressed to keep the Commonwealth's domination in the NPRC.

Last year, the CNMI gained 17 slots on the North Pacific Team and Robbie Schorr and Miyawaki won the boys U14 singles and doubles (with Ken Song) and girls U14 singles and doubles (with Conatsu) events played here.

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high 28 points, while Marinas recorded 22.

With Fabian and Marianas hitting their targets, United Ballers led at the end of each of the four quarters and foiled Sweep Waters' repeated comeback bids.

#### First Game

United Ballers 88 — Fabian 28, Marinas 22, Gamboa 14, Jose 10, Sabiniano 5, Giean 2.

Sweep Waters 80 — Caro 19, D. Tabora 16, Montano 14, Paragados 9, Javier 9, Ordona 8, Reyes 5.

Scoring by quarters: 24-18, 47-39, 67-57, 88-80.

### **Second Game**

Stephen's Pawnshop 107 - M. Duenas 29, Aranda 21, Rabasto 21, Tekopua 14, Flores 12, E. Duenas 6, Lewis 5.

Kagman 80 — Ogumoro 19, R. Babauta 18, Limes 10, Lizama 8, Faisao 7, Camacho 4, Leighley 4, Iguel 2, Pengalinan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-14, 62-29, 86-53, 107-80.

### Fournette entering NFL draft showing no fear of a bad fit



Fournette about to lose a

little control over his carefully cultivated football career.

The former LSU star running back got to choose where he played in high school—a New Orleans private school called St. Augustine -- and in college. But Fournette sounds ready to accept whatever fate brings him in the first round of the NFL draft on Thursday night.

Some teams drafting early in the first round might be

OR- a better fit for the 6-foot-1, leans natives, Eli Manning, "It's 50-50. The player has to L E A N S 228-pound power runner than did it during the 2004 draft, be committed to the team and (AP)—Leonard others, but Fournette asserts, orchestrating a trade from San the team has to be all in, in or-"It doesn't matter. I'm not really focused on that.

"Wherever I'm going, I plan on starting, playing my role and my main focus is on a championship -- a Super Bowl and nothing less," Fournette said in an interview with The Associated Press while doing promotional work for the sports nutrition supplement MET-Rx this week.

Given his rare combination of size, strength and speed, Fournette knows he might be able to influence the process. One of his fellow New OrDiego to the New York Giants.

Fournette was just in grammar school then, but said he remembers it. Fournette said he didn't have a problem with Manning's tactics, but does not believe he needs to resort to that, even though his longterm earning potential could be influenced considerably by which team takes him.

"I believe whatever team I go to, they're going to try to help me, the best way to get the ball into my hand, to do what I have to do," Fournette said. der to be what they want to be.'

It's now rare for running backs to break the bank in free agency, although there is some sign that could change as pro football continues to evolve. Still, running backs tend to last less than 10 years in the NFL, meaning even some of the best only get one shot at a big free-agent contract after the expiration of their rookie deal, which is based on a pre-determined scale tied to the selection with which they are drafted.

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# 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League Boys U17

### PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



MP United Football Club's Sunjoon Tenorio makes the throw-in during the second half of their boys U17 division game against Tan-Holdings FC in the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.



MP United's Joshua Abragan, right, leaps to avoid colliding with TanHoldings' Mareko Tekopua.



TanHoldings' Mareko Tekopua, center, passes the ball to Kirro Batino, left, while MP United FC's Andy Cho stays close on defense.



TanHoldings FC's Thaiphi Austria goes for a header.



TanHoldings' Mark Esalan, right, gets a hug from teammate Thaiphi Austria after the former scored in the second half.







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# **MI Junior Tennis Team named**



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**TUDELA** 

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

ineteen players have been selected to represent the CNMI to the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships that will be held in Guam in June.

Named to the CNMI Junior National Team

Michael are U16's Michael Ren, Ken Song, Vincent Tudela, Grace Choi, and Malika Miyawaki; U14's Sean Lee, Ram Ryu, Eugene Park, Andy Kim, Richard Steele, and Maria Gregoire; and U12's Daniel Kang, Anthony Gregoire, Andrew Chung, Jiwoong Kwon, Jillian Christi Ferrer, Anika Camacho, Helen Kim, and Hyejin Elliot.

The Commonwealth bets will be battling players from Guam. Palau. and the Federated States of Micronesia for slots on the North Pacific Team that will compete in the 2017 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji in August.

Members of the elite squad were chosen based on their performance in the four tournaments under Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's calendar of events for 2016-2017. Each player received ranking points in both the singles and doubles events of the TanHoldings Tennis Classic, Coconut Tennis Classic, Junior Fun Tournament, and the recently concluded

MARIAN CNMI Junior Tennis Championships.

Song gained 1,750 ranking points to finish second behind Lee (2,000), while Tudela and Ren col-

lected 1,350 and 1,000 points to place fourth and fifth in the boys U16 rankings, respectively.

In the girls U16, Miyawaki earned 1,000 points to finish second behind Tania Tan (1,200), who will not be able to join POJC due to school commitments. In place of Tan was Choi who was ranked third in the U18 division with her 1,500 points, but is still eligible to play in the lower

In the boys U14, Lee also got the most points with 3,500 after topping the TanHoldings Tennis Classic, White Coconut Classic, and CNMI Junior Tennis Championships. Ryu came in next with his 3,200, while Park, Kim, and Steele rounded out the Top 5 after recording 2,275, 1,900, and 1,650 ranking points, respectively.

In the girls U14, Gregoire is the Commonwealth's lone entry in the division in Guam and also topped the NMITA

rankings after gaining 3,100 points. If Gregoire makes the grade in the June tournament, she will join siblings Conatsu and Coume Kaga, who are still training in Fiji and have already earned spots to the POJC along with boys U16 defending champion Robbie Schoor.

In the U12 age group, Kang and Ferrer will lead the CNMI Junior Team after ruling the

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**STEELE** 





A. GREGOIRE

### Stephen's Pawnshop romps past Kagman

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Stephen's Pawnshop recorded a lopsided win over Kagman,

107-80, in the second game in the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League last Wednesday at the San Antonio court.

Matt Duenas, Jack Aranda, and Sean Rabasto anchored Stephen's Pawnshop easy victory as each scored 20plus points in their fifth win in six games. Matt sizzled for 29 points, while Aranda and Rabasto contributed 21 apiece. And as if the trio's points were not enough, big men Mii Tekopua and Gerald Flores provided support, adding 14 and 12, respectively.

With Stephen's Pawnshop' offense heating up early, behind the 11 points of Aranda, the winning team built a 29-14 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Then in the second period, Rabasto and Duenas teamed up and scored baskets in streaks to help Stephen's Pawnshop pull away, 62-29.

Stephen's Pawnshop never relinquished the big lead in the second half despite the improved shooting of Kagman. Stephen's Pawnshop played no let up on offense in the fourth quarter as the team aimed at reaching the century mark, which it did with still a minute and change left in the one-sided game.

Trevor Ogumoro led Kagman's losing cause with his 19 points, while Ray Babauta chipped in 10.

Meanwhile, in the first game, United Ballers showed consistency en route to an 88-80 victory over Sweep Waters.

United Ballers was in control of the match from start to finish, thanks to Bon Fabian and Sonny Marinas' solid games. Fabian had a game-

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Kagman in the San Antonio summer caging last Wednesday